

# Rally Islas Canarias

11.-14. May 2022



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Date:	<b>Saturday, 14 May 2022</b>	Time (decision):	<b>10:00 hrs</b>
Subject:	<b>DECISION No. 02</b>	Document No.:	<b>2.5</b>
From:	The Stewards		
To:	Competitor car No: <b>68 – C.D. FAN MOTOR T.C.</b> Crew: <b>Nicolás CASTELLANO ARMAS / Juan RODRÍGUEZ CRUZ</b>		
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The Stewards, having received a report from the Technical Delegate, summoned and heard the driver, Nicolás CASTELLANO ARMAS, and codriver, Juan RODRÍGUEZ CRUZ, (summons No 2, Doc 4.2), have considered the following matter, determine the following:

**Fact:** During routine checks at the stop of SS5, the car was found with the fire extinguisher system not activated.

**Offence:** Breach of Article 253.7 of Appendix J 2022 in conjunction with Art. 32.2.1 of FIA 2022 RRSR.

**Decision:** **Fine of 1.000 €.**

In accordance with Article 12.8 FIA International Sporting Code, the payment of the fines must be done online, within 48 hours of their notification, at the following address: <https://fiafines.fia.com>. Any delay in making payment may entail Suspension during the period a fine remains unpaid.

**Reason:** The drivers were informed accordingly by the Stewards and was given the possibility, if they wished, to bring forward any representations other than having forgotten to activate the extinguisher system. The drivers first explained that the video they were shown in connection with the safety tracking system also showed that the extinguisher system was to be switched off after the special stage. They also explained that the system was activated during the special stage and only switched to test mode at the stop when the time card was handed over. They stated that the Technical Delegate who took the photo also saw this procedure. They also stated that they had not read the CoC Communication No. 2 because they do not speak English.

When questioned the Deputy FIA Technical Delegate stated that he did not observe the system being switched off. He only took note of the status that can be seen in the photo. The Stewards, when watching the video of the safety tracking system, could not see any indication of the use of the Fire Extinguisher System.

As stipulated in Article 253.7 of Appendix J to the 2022 FIA International Sporting Code, the system must work in all positions. Article 253.7 of Appendix J to the 2022 FIA International Sporting Code does not specify when the system can be switched on or switched off. For this reason, it must always be active during the rally.

The fire extinguisher system is a major safety item to protect the crew in case of fire in the car. It is essential for the driver's safety and safety is one of the major concerns by the FIA. Safety remains a key challenge and the FIA is committed to do everything possible to protect, among others, the drivers.

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It is further to be noted that the Clerk of the Course issued Communication No. 2 on 04<sup>th</sup> May 2022 reminding all competitors about the activation of the extinguisher system. Competitors must always ensure that the system is activated before leaving the service park.

The Stewards therefore concluded that this was a breach of Article 253.7 of Appendix J to the 2022 FIA International Sporting Code and cannot see any reason why the system should not have been switched on.

The decision is based on the FIA International Sporting Code Art. 11.9.1, art.11.9.2.a, Art. 11.9.3.a, Art. 11.9.3.f, and Art 12.4.1.c.


Competitors are reminded of their right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the FIA International Sporting Code and Article 9.1.1 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits.

In accordance with Article 15.4.2.b the Stewards set the time limit for the notification of the intention to appeal to 14.05.2022 – 15.00 hrs.

**Uwe M. SCHMIDT (DEU)**  
FIA Chairperson of the Stewards

**Andrew KELLITT (GBR)**  
FIA Steward

**José Maria BELLOT (ESP)**  
ASN Steward

<b>Received by:</b>	
Name:	<u>Miguel Ángel Pedraza Sautera</u>
Competitor:	<b>C.D. FAN MOTOR T.C. Car No: 68</b>
Crew:	<b>Nicolás CASTELLANO ARMAS / Juan RODRÍGUEZ CRUZ</b>
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Signature:	 <u>no estamos de acuerdo</u>

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