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From: The Stewards
To: The Competitor HYUNDAI MOTORSPORT N of car No. 21
Crew TEEMU SUNINEN / MIKKO MARKKULA

The Stewards, having received a final scrutineering report from the FIA Deputy Technical Delegate, summoned the above crew members as well as a competitor's representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Facts Car No. 21 was found at Final Scrutineering not to comply with the homologation form A-5784/ Art. 261-02-3 of the Appendix J of the 2022 FIA International Sporting Code with regard to the front bumper, which during the checks weighed 3931g while the homologated minimum weight is stated as 4510g.

Offence Breach of Article 10.3.3 of the 2022 FIA International Sporting Code
Breach of Article 261-02-3 of the Appendix J to the 2022 FIA International Sporting Code

Decision **Disqualification** of competitor HYUNDAI MOTORSPORT N of car 21 from SECTO RALLY FINLAND.

Reason The Stewards heard from the competitor of car No. 21 on Sunday, 7 August 2022 at 20.10 hrs in the presence of Mr Pablo Marcos, Team Manager and Mr Andrea Cisotti, Customer Racing Manager. The FIA Technical Delegate, Mr Jérôme Toquet and the FIA Deputy Technical Delegate, Mr Karmo Uusmaa, also attended the meeting.

Mr Marcos and Mr Cisotti agreed that the weight of the part was below the homologated acceptance and that the scrutineering and weighing procedure have been carried out correctly.

They stated that the front bumper was not an original part produced by Hyundai Motorsport but a copy and that it was used as a replacement for the original bumper during testing. The part was fitted to car in error by the team Red Grey, who prepare the car on behalf of the competitor, Hyundai Motorsport N.

The front bumpers of two other Hyundai i20 NG Rally2 cars from other competitors in Secto Rally Finland were also checked and were found to weigh 5090g and 5000g respectively. These were original Hyundai Motorsport supplied parts.

After due deliberation, the Stewards conclude that whilst the competitor stated that this was a human error in fitting the wrong part, it is nevertheless the competitor's responsibility to make sure that all parts comply with the provisions of the relevant regulations.

According to the 2022 FIA International Sporting Code offences or infringements are punishable, whether they were committed intentionally or through negligence.


In case of a breach of the obligation of technical compliance, a competitor's responsibility is casual. A sanction must be pronounced against it even in the absence of fault, and this sanction is, in principle, disqualification according to jurisprudence in the past.

Nevertheless, the International Court of Appeal has already deemed in the past that in 'exceptional circumstances', the objective responsibility of a competitor for a case of non-compliance of its car can lead to a less severe sanction than disqualification.

The Stewards determine that exceptional circumstances do not apply in the present case. The Stewards conclude that, in view of the provisions of the relevant regulations it was indeed up to the Competitor to ensure that its car was compliant.

The decision is based on the 2022 FIA International Sporting Code Art. 1.3.3, Art. 11.9.1, Art. 11.9.2.a, Art. 11.9.3.a, Art. 11.9.3.i, Art. 12.4.1.m as well as 2022 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations Art. 1.1.1.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2022 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.



Iain Campbell
The Stewards



David Domingo



Heikki Poranen

RE: STEWARDS DECISION No. 7 - SECTO RALLY FINLAND - 4-7 August 2022

This decision was notified by email to the Competitor's officially nominated representative as below:

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	KRISTO KRAAG	<i>Date:</i>	7.8.2022
<i>Position within the team:</i>	TEAM MANAGER	<i>Time:</i>	23:15

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