

Lahti Historic Rally

11.-13. August 2022



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From:	The Stewards		
To:	Competitor car No: 17 Marko Uutela Crew: Marko Uutela / Ville Mäkelä		
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The Stewards, having received a report with photos from the FIA Observer, summoned and heard the drivers Mr. Marko Uutela and Mr. Ville Mäkelä have considered the following matter, determine the following:

Fact: The crew has service performed by a person other than the crew inside the refuelling zone (Road Book page 1-30, Box 16 at approx. 12.05 hrs). Using a jack and performing work on the left rear wheel. The bonnet was open. Also, the engine was running during refuelling from the pump.

Offence: Breach of Art. 56.1.2, Art. 61.2.1, 61.2.6 and 61.2.8 of the FIA European Historic Rally Championship Regulations.

Decision: 3 Minute time penalty

Reason: The crew explained that the car had a problem with the starter and that's why we could not cut off the engine. After refuelling we moved the car around the corner, because we were thinking to change the tyres, what we finally not did. I confirm that our service was there and that we used the jack from the service car.

According to Art. 56.1.2 only the crew, using solely the equipment on board and with no external physical assistance, may perform service on the car at any time, other than where this is specifically prohibited. The photos clearly show that a third person was working on the vehicle in or near the refuelling zone. Furthermore, Art. 61.2.1 stipulates that only actions inside an RZ directly involved in the refuelling of the competing car are permitted. Thus, the work on the car was not permitted. The regulations also state that the engines must be switched off during refuelling.

It does not matter of whether the vehicle was in the Refuelling Zone or outside of it - the regulations are clear. From the first TC onwards, service of a competing car may be carried out only in service parks and all road sections identified as «allowed Service areas» by the organiser, including Service areas named «Remote Service Zones».

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

The Stewards determine that crew # 17 has breached the regulations. They decided to penalise the competitor with 1 minutes for not following the procedures in the refuelling zone and with 2 minutes for performing a prohibited service.

To mitigate the penalty, the Stewards considered that although the Refuelling Zone was clearly shown in the Road Book, the corresponding signage was missing on site and thus the beginning and end of the RZ was not clearly defined.

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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.h.

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 Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits.

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