

# Lahti Historic Rally

## 11.-13. August 2022



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Subject:	<b>DECISION No. 02</b>	Document No.:	<b>2.3</b>
From:	The Stewards		
To:	Competitor car No: <b>34 Tommi Suihkonen</b> Crew: <b>Timo Markkanen/ Tommi Suihkonen</b>		
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The Stewards, having received a report with photos from the FIA Eligibility Delegate, summoned and heard the drivers Mr. Timo Markkanen and Mr. Tommi Suihkonen have considered the following matter, determine the following:

**Fact:** The crew has service performed by team personnel on the road section after SS 7

**Offence:** Breach of Art. 56.1.FIA European Historic Rally Championship Regulations.

**Decision:** **4 Minute time penalty**

**Reason:** The crew explained that the Service car was following them on the road sections and was waiting after the finish of each stage. After SS7 a service was necessary because the car was losing oil from the gearbox. Without the service they probably would have to retire. We were thinking that only in areas marked with black lines in the road book service was not allowed.

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 team personnel were working on the vehicle outside the service park.

The EHRC 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». The road section from SS7 to SS8 was not identified as allowed Service area.

The Stewards determine that crew # 34 has breached the regulations. The STW also decided on a severe penalty, as they concluded that the team had already planned this forbidden service, otherwise the service vehicles would not have been parked after SS 7.

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.

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

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**Alessandro DEGAN (ITA)**  
FIA Steward

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**Marjut HAIKO (FIN)**  
ASN Steward

<b>Received by the Competitor:</b>	
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