

Rali Vinho da Madeira

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Subject:	DECISION No. 03	Document No.:	2.5
From:	The Stewards		
To:	Competitor car no: 7 ALEXANDRE CAMACHO Crew: ALEXANDRE CAMACHO / PEDRO CALADO		
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The Stewards, having received a statement of the crew # 9 during a hearing, having received a video footage from the local television summoned and heard the drivers Mr. ALEXANDRE CAMACHO and team representatives Mr. ROBERTO FERNANDES (Summons No 03), have considered the following matter, determine the following:

Fact: The crew of car No. 7 continued in racing speed at the scene of an accident of car no. 9, in SS5 at approx. 12.55 hrs, and did not stop although no OK sign was displayed.

Offence: Breach of Art. 53.3.2 of the 2022 FIA Regional Rally Sporting Regulations.

Decision: **Time penalty of 11,3 seconds in SS 5**
The time of competitor No. 7 in SS5 will be set to 12.08,9

Reason: During the hearing of the crew of car No 9. (see Doc. No. 2.3 STW Dec. No. 01) the crew reports that car No 7 did not reduced the speed nor stopped at the scene of the accident.

In the SS5 result, Competitor # 7 was shown as fastest, although he passed the accident.

Accordingly, the Stewards have started an investigation into the incident. During the investigation, they received a video showing a comparison of the behaviour of No 3 and No 7 at the scene of the accident. The video clearly shows that No 3 reduces the speed strongly, whereas No 7 does not reduce the speed or reduces it unnoticeably. The video also shows that only the co-driver waving his arms was visible. The driver was behind his car and poorly visible.

The driver of car No 7, Mr. Camacho, explains that he had stopped in a similar situation in the past and no time correction was made. He then decided not to stop when both drivers are no longer in the car. He confirms that no OK sign was shown.

Art. 53.3.2 is very clear in which is written: *"Any crew which has the red "SOS" sign displayed to them, or which sees a car which has suffered an accident, and the OK sign is not shown, shall immediately and without exception stop to render assistance."*

It follows that it is not at the discretion of the crew whether they stop or not, but they must stop in any case if no OK sign is shown. It is essential for the driver's safety that the cars following the car which had an accident to render help, because they are the first on the scene of the accident. It is also difficult to understand how a driver passing an accident at racing speed can judge whether help is needed or not. Even if the driver has had bad experiences in connection with accidents on a Special Stage, this does not exempt him from respecting the relevant regulations.

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The Stewards concluded that the crew was in breach of the above regulations and decided for a time penalty and thus amend the driving time on SS 5 to the time of competitor no 3, who slowed down at the accident. For an offence such as this, a more severe penalty is usual. However, the Stewards took mitigating circumstances into account because the crew No. 9, although no assistance was required, did not show the OK sign.

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.

In accordance with Article 15.4.2.b the Stewards set the time limit for the notification of the intention to appeal to 06/08/2022 at 18.00 hours.

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