

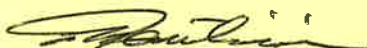
Date: 31 May 2019**Time:** 16:00 hrs**Subject:** STEWARDS DECISION NO. 2**Document No:** 2.3
To: *The Competitor RMC Motorsport of car No. 75*
João Fernando Ramos / José Janela

The Stewards, having received a pre-rally scrutineering report from the FIA Technical Delegate, summoned a representative of the above competitor, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

- Facts** At the pre-rally scrutineering, the plumbed-in fire extinguisher of car No. 75 was found to have a fake label. The fire extinguisher was out of date.
- Offence** Article 253-7.2.1, Appendix J to the 2019 International Sporting Code
- Decision**
1. To impose a fine of € 5000 on RMC Motorsport.
 2. The case will be referred to the ASN which issued the licence of the competitor, Real Federación Española de Automovilismo (RFEdA), along with the request to consider possible further sanctions to be imposed by the ASN onto the competitor and/or on the entity, if disclosed by the competitor, who had produced the fake labels and attached them to the fire extinguisher.
 3. The fire extinguisher will be sent to the extinguisher manufacturer to check its content and ascertain whether or not the system has been modified.
- Reason** The fire extinguisher was brought to the Stewards by the FIA Technical Delegate for examination. Counterfeit homologation label and maintenance label were attached on top of the original labels. The extinguisher should have been serviced in February 2019. The FIA Technical Delegate confirmed that when re-scrutineered Car No. 75 was fitted with a new extinguisher and was approved.
- The hearing was held on Thursday, 30 May 2019, and attended by the competitor's representative, Mr. Gaspar Vieira Leite.
- During the hearing, Mr. Vieira Leite explained that while preparing the rally car they had noticed that the fire extinguisher was out of date but they did not have enough time to send it back to the manufacturer, LIFELINE FIRE AND SAFETY LTD, to be serviced. The team then decided to borrow an extinguisher from another team only for this event. When they received it, they mounted it into the car without checking it.
- Later on, on Thursday, 30 May 2019, the Stewards requested the Competitor's representative to clarify from whom the Competitor borrowed this extinguisher. Mr. Vieira Leite explained that he had discussed the matter on the phone with his chief, Mr. Roberto Mendez, owner of RMC Motorsport. Mr. Mendez did not want to disclose the source and therefore accepted to take on them the full responsibility of this incident.
- The Competitor is responsible for the technical conformity of his car throughout the rally. Therefore, under Article 12.4.1 in conjunction with Article 12.2.1 of the 2019 FIA International Sporting Code, the penalty is imposed on RMC Motorsport.
- Under the given circumstances, no further action is taken against the crew.
- When taking their decision, the Stewards considered this violation to be of grave nature, especially as it concerned an important safety device.



The right to appeal this Decision is stipulated in the 2019 FIA International Sporting Code and in the 2019 FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.



Timo Rautiainen
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Re: STEWARDS DECISION NO. 2 – VODAFONE RALLY DE PORTUGAL 2019
Received by the above Competitor's representative:

Name (in block letters): GASPAR VIEIRA LEITE	Date: 31/5/2015
Position within the team: TEAM REPRESENTATIVE	Time: 18:00
Signature: 	

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