

Date:	2 June 2019	Time:	17:30 hrs
Subject:	STEWARDS DECISION NO. 3	Document No:	2.4
To:	<i>The Competitor M-SPORT FORD WORLD RALLY TEAM of car No. 22 Crew LUKASZ PIENIAZEK / JAKUB GERBER</i>		

The Stewards, having heard all parties concerned in an incident regarding the final retirement of the above-mentioned competitor on SS10, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

- Facts** The Crew of Car No. 22 handed the signed retirement form to the marshals on SS10 (Box 14), where they had stopped due to brake issues. After the publication of the Start List for Section 6, the Competitor requested that Car No. 22 should also be included in the list. The Stewards then asked the Clerk of the Course to issue an Amended Start List, which was published at 23.00 hrs on Saturday, 1 June 2019.
- Offence** Art. 46.1.1 of the 2019 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations
- Decision** Reprimand on the Driver Lukasz PIENIAZEK and the Co-driver Jakub GERBER.
- Reason** On Saturday 1 June evening, after noticing that Car 22 was not included in the Start List for Section 6, the Competitor's representative, Mr. Iain Tullie, requested to add car 22 in the list. The Stewards then pointed out to the Competitor that a signed retirement form for Car 22 had been given to the organiser. Mr. Tullie then informed the Stewards that the Chief post marshal on SS10 at box 14 had "made the crew to sign the form". Under such circumstances, the Stewards requested the Clerk of the Course to amend the Start List for Section 6, including Car 22.
- On Sunday 2 June at 10.45 hrs, the Stewards heard from the two marshals who had received the retirement form. Mr. Adelino Gomes and Mr. Alberto Gomes explained that they had never requested the retirement form and that, in fact, they did not even know that such form exists. After acknowledging that the crew would not continue the special stage, they had only requested to have the time card back, as instructed by the rally control.
- The Stewards then summoned the Crew and the Competitor mentioned above. The Competitor's representative, Mr. Iain Tullie, and the Crew were heard by the Stewards on Sunday at 17.10 hrs.
- The Crew explained that after stopping and parking their rally car safely at box 14, they were asked by the Chief post marshal whether they would continue the special stage or stop there. As there was no common language between the crew and the chief marshal, a third person was interpreting their conversation with poor English. The Crew understood that they had to sign the retirement form and they did so. They were surprised that this form was required as their intention always was to continue the following day. The Crew apologized for their lapse.
- The Stewards nevertheless concluded that even though there was a misunderstanding due to the language barrier, the retirement form should not have been signed by the Crew and given to the marshals.



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

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The Stewards

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Re: STEWARDS DECISION NO. 3 – VODAFONE RALLY DE PORTUGAL 2019
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