

**Date:** 19.5.2018 **Time:** 23:00 hrs

**Subject:** STEWARDS DECISION NO. 8 **Document No:** 2.9

**To:** *The Competitor of car No. 16 HYUNDAI SHELL MOBIS WRT  
Crew DANI SORDO / CARLOS DEL BARRIO*

The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course, summoned the above crew members as well as a competitor's representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

**Facts** Car No. 16 hit and displaced two of the three dividing bales in the Roundabout 3 on SS8

**Offence** Article 12.10 of the Rally Supplementary Regulations as amended in Bulletin 1  
Article 14.2 of the 2018 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations

**Decision** 10 second time penalty

**Reason** The Stewards examined video evidence and heard from the competitor's representatives, Mr. Michel Nandan, Team Principal and Mr. Alain Penasse, Team Manager, at 22.20 hrs on Saturday, May 19. During the hearing the competitor's representatives admitted that Car 16 indeed hit two bales and displaced them from the middle of the roundabout. In their defence they stated that in fact Car 16 was slower on SS8 at this roundabout than in the same place when repeated on SS9.

In Art. 12.10 of the Rally Supplementary Regulations (as amended in Bulletin 1) the route to be followed at the three different roundabouts on special stage 8 is defined in three diagrams. The Stewards concluded that, even though Car 16 displaced the bales, in fact followed the instructed route by making the required 270° turn around the divider.

Bulletin 1 sets a 30 second time penalty to be applied to any competitor who fails to follow the route as indicated in the diagrams. However, the Stewards consider that the penalty stated in Bulletin 1 is merely meant for cases where a driver fails to complete all necessary laps around each roundabout and not for cases where the bales are displaced by accident.

Therefore, the Stewards consider that a time penalty of 10 seconds is appropriate, also taking into consideration comparable precedents.

The right to appeal this Decision is stipulated in the 2018 FIA International Sporting Code and in the 2018 FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.

  
Timo Rautiainen

  
Christina Lundqvist Viklund

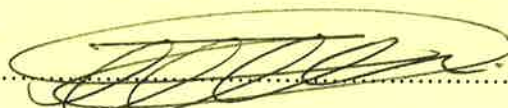
  
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The Stewards

**Received by the above Competitor's representative:**

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