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Subject:	STEWARDS DECISION NO. 9	Document No:	2.10
To:	<i>The Competitor of car No. 9 TOYOTA GAZOO RACING WRT Crew ESAPEKKA LAPPI / JANNE FERM</i>		

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. 9 hit and displaced one of the three dividing bales in the Roundabout 3 on SS9

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 took into consideration and deliberated what the clerk of the course reported on the incident. The Stewards then summoned the Driver and Co-driver of car No 9 or, at their discretion, a team representative. Mr. Esapekka Lappi, driver, Mr. Janne Ferm, Co-driver and also the Competitor's representative, Mr. Kai Lindström, Team Manager, were heard by the Stewards on Sunday, May 20 at 17.00 hrs.

During the hearing Mr. Lindström stated that nothing in the regulations forbids the drivers touching the barriers on a special stage. He further added that the crew did drive full 270° as required. Mr. Lappi explained that the right rear damper was damaged, which caused the car to be difficult to handle on left hand turns. Mr. Lindström explained that on the onboard video clearly shows that the Driver immediately corrected his driving line when he noticed he had touched the first bale. He added that no time advantage was gained as compared to special stage 8, where Car No 9 did not touch the bales. The Stewards examined the additional video footage provided by the Competitor.

In Art. 12.10 of the Rally Supplementary Regulations (as amended in Bulletin 1, item 11) the route to be followed at the three different roundabouts on special stage 9 are indicated in three diagrams in such a way that the crews have to completely drive around the dividing elements without touching them. The Stewards concluded that, even though Car No 9 knocked over one of the bales, it 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 knocked over or 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.



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The Stewards

Re: Stewards Decision No 9 VODAFONE RALLY DE PORTUGAL 2018

Received by the above Competitor No 9 representative:

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