Rally Liepāja 14.-16. August 2020



 Date:
 16 AUGUST 2020
 Time (decision):
 19:20

 Subject:
 DECISION No. 10
 Document No.:
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From: The Stewards

To: Competitor and car No: 39, RN KOMPONENTS

Crew: Reinis NITISS / Andris MALNIEKS

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The Stewards, having received a verbal report from Clerk of the Course, having examined track from tracking system and Photo from Instagram account of Reinis NITISS, summoned and heard the driver(s) Reinis NITISS / Andris MALNIEKS (summons No 4, Doc. 4.5), have considered the following matter, determine the following:

Fact: Car no 39 was at a fuel station not included in the road book.

Time: 15. August 2020, 18.39 hrs

Offence: Breach of Article 19.2 of the FIA RRSR regulations

Decision: To levy a fine EUR 250

In accordance with Article 12.7 FIA International Sporting Code, the payment of the fines must be done online, within 48 hours of their notification, at the following address: https://fiafines.fia.com. Any delay in making payment may entail Suspension during the period a fine remains unpaid.

Reason: Clerk of the Course reported that car no 39 deviated from the route defined in the Road Book. The tracking system log shows that on 15 August 2020 at 18:39 hrs car no. 39 left the defined route between TC 4A and 4B going to a fuel station and went back to route in at 18:44 hrs.

On the personal account of "reinisnitiss" in Instagram the photo of Car #39 at gas station "Circle K" in Talsi was posted with the comment "Coffee time". The posting date/time was around 19:00 hrs.

When the drivers arrived in the Stewards room, they explained that had a technical problem with some protections below the exhaust. So, they entered the fuel station to fix it. They did not want to stop on the road which seemed to be dangerous.

According to Art. 19.2 of the FIA Regional Rally Sporting Regulations all crews must follow the detailed description of the compulsory itinerary. The fuel station was not shown in the road book, thus crew no 39 deviated from the rally route.

The Stewards concluded that leaving the defined route is an infringement of the sporting regulation. The Stewards, in application of Art. 11.9.1; Art. 11.9.3.a, Art. 12.3.1.c and Art. 12.4.1 of the 2020 International Sporting Code, decided to levy a fine, since the deviation was only about 20 m off the road and no other infringement happened.

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Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the FIA International Sporting Code and Article 9.1.1 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits.

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FIA Chairman of the Stewards	

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Received by the Competitor:

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