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To: The Competitor YOHAN ROSSEL of car No. 30
Crew YOHAN ROSSEL / ALEXANDRE CORIA

and

CITROEN RACING

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

Facts In the post-event scrutineering, the weight of the front subframe was measured at 12950 g. The front subframe homologated weight is 12245 g, with a tolerance of +5% / -2%, the maximum weight thus being 12857,25 g.

Offence Breach of Article 10.3.3 of the 2021 FIA International Sporting Code

Decision Disqualification of competitor YOHAN ROSSEL from EKO ACROPOLIS RALLY 2021.

Reason A hearing was held on Sunday, 12th September 2021 at 19:15 hrs. The Stewards heard the competitor's representatives Mr. Vincent Ducher (Team Manager) and Mr. Thomas Breton (Team Engineer) as well as the Citroen Racing's representative Mr. Damien Arbonnier (Citroën Racing Engineer). The FIA Technical Delegate (Mr. Jérôme Toquet) and the FIA Deputy Technical Delegate (Mr. Karmo Uusmaa) also attended the hearing.

Mr. Ducher, Mr. Breton and Mr. Arbonnier agreed that the weight of the part was above the homologated accepted tolerance and that the scrutineering and weighing procedure had been carried out correctly.

In RALLY ITALIA SARDEGNA 2021 the same car of the same competitor was found with the same incompliance at the final scrutineering (front subframe overweight). Mr. Ducher stated that the subframe (serial No. 99) installed in the car for EKO Acropolis Rally and now found not to comply was also weighed twice at the final scrutineering in Rally Italia Sardegna 2021 as a reference (being there as a new, unused spare part) with the result of 12707 g and 12708 g, thus being within the tolerance. Pictures in which the weight and the serial number are clearly visible were shown to the Stewards as evidence. Mr. Ducher could not give any explanation why the same subframe is now overweight.

After Rally Italia Sardegna 2021 the competitor had carefully checked all their subframes and three of them were found not to comply and sent back to the supplier. Subframe No. 99 was not checked, as the competitor relied on the weight measured at the final scrutineering in Rally Italia Sardegna 2021.

The non-complying subframe used in EKO Acropolis Rally 2021 was already in the possession of the competitor at the time of Rally Italia Sardegna 2021.

In Rally Italia Sardegna, a fine of €30,000 was imposed on CITROEN RACING, €15,000 of which were applied with suspension of sentence, subject to no further breach of a similar nature - quality control error – at any WRC event until the end of the 2021 WRC season.

Mr. Arbonnier (Citroen Racing) demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Stewards that they have taken all reasonable measures to resolve the issue that had occurred at Rally Italia Sardegna.

The supplier of the subframes was instructed to carefully weigh all products before sending them to the customers, this was made very clear to the supplier by Citroen Racing according to Mr. Arbonnier.

Therefore, the Stewards conclude that Citroen Racing has not repeated a further breach of poor quality control which would invoke the suspended part of the penalty applied by the Stewards in Rally Italia Sardegna 2021.

After due deliberation, the Stewards determine that it was hence the responsibility of the Competitor alone to make sure that the part (front subframe) installed in their car complied. The representation made by the Competitor that they have no explanation why it was now found to be overweight could not relieve them from their responsibility under ISC Art. 9.15 and the breach is thus fully ascribable to the competitor YOHAN ROSSEL.

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 Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.



Timo Rautiainen
The Stewards



Mauro Furlanetto



John Kandas

Re: Stewards Decision No. 3

This decision was notified to the Competitor's representative as below:

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	THOMAS BRETON	<i>Date:</i>	12.9.2021
<i>Position within the team:</i>	TEAM ENGINEER	<i>Time:</i>	22:00

This decision was notified by email to CITROEN RACING as below:

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	DAMIEN ARBONNIER	<i>Date:</i>	12.9.2021
<i>Position within the team:</i>	CITROEN RACING ENGINEER	<i>Time:</i>	22:10

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