



84^e RALLYE MONTE CARLO
18 – 24 Janvier 2016



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From : The Stewards

To : The Competitor of car No. 42 PEUGEOT RALLY ACADEMY
Crew JOSE ANTONIO SUAREZ MIRANO / CANDIDO CARRERA ESTEVEZ

The Stewards became aware of an incident on SS 10 concerning an overtaking manoeuvre by car No. 42, which was passing car No. 34 at about mid-stage. At the end of the stage the driver of car 34, Mr. Quentin Giordano, made the following statement, which was published on the website wrc.com in the live-section: *"The Spanish man pass me in the icy section because he couldn't slow down! He pushed my car off into a hole. My co-driver is hurt. He is crazy!"*

The Stewards then summoned the driver and the co-driver of both crews together with their respective competitors' representatives for a hearing that was conducted on Saturday, 23rd January 2016 at 21.00 hrs. The hearing was attended by the driver of car No. 42 JOSE ANTONIO SUAREZ MIRANO, by Mr. Vincent Ducher and Mr. Jean-Marc Vinatier as representatives of the competitor of car No. 42 and by the driver QUENTIN GIORDANO and co-driver VALENTIN SARREAUD of car No. 34, accompanied by Mr. Bernard Pialat as representative of the competitor of car No. 34.

After hearing the statements made by the drivers and having viewed the video evidence from the inboard camera of car No. 42 on the incident under consideration, the Stewards conclude that this collision between the two cars on an icy road is to be regarded as an incident for which both drivers are equally to be blamed.

It is a principle of sporting behaviour to let a faster car pass, even if this results in a time loss for the car being overtaken, and/or to never enforce the possibility to overtake as this may represent a safety hazard for both crews and for possible spectators.

During the hearing, a second incident on SS13 became apparent, in which car No. 42 caught up again with car No. 34 and hit it into the rear. Car No. 34 suffered a damage of the rear bumper as a consequence.

The Stewards consider this to be a deliberate or at least a negligent act as this kind of collision does not represent an incident during an overtaking manoeuvre.

The Stewards consider these two incidents to be a breach of Article 20.1.1 of the 2016 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations and, after due deliberation,

DECIDE

To inflict the **penalty of a reprimand and a fine of € 150** onto the driver of car No. 42 JOSE ANTONIO SUAREZ MIRANO for his behaviour in the two incidents mentioned above.

The Competitor is reminded of its right of appeal.

Waltraud Wünsch
Chairperson - Stewards

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