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From : *The Stewards***To** : *The Competitor of car No. 35 DE MEVUS GUILLAUME
Crew GUILLAUME DE MEVUS / LOUIS LOUKA*

The Stewards received a report from the FIA Technical Delegate on final scrutineering of car No. 35.

The report stated that the weight of the battery fitted in the car was 3650 g, whereas Article 261-501-bat0 of the Appendix J to the 2018 FIA International Sporting Code states:

“The minimum weight of the battery is 8 kg.”

The Stewards then heard the Competitor's representative and Sporting Manager of the team, Mr. Lionel Hansen, on 28th January 2018 at 18:30, in the presence of the FIA Technical Delegate, Mr. Jérôme Toquet, and his assistant Mr. Karmo Uusmaa.

Mr. Hansen stated that they had ordered the battery from a French supplier, without being aware that there is a minimum weight for the battery. They thought that the same regulations as for R2 and R3 cars would also apply for R5 cars, which is correct with regard to dimension, position and manufacturer, but not regarding the weight.

He added that it was their mistake not having noted that there is a minimum weight for R5 car batteries and he apologized for this lapse. He also stated that the car at all times during the rally complied with the car minimum weight, which was confirmed by the FIA Technical Delegate, and that they did not at all try to cheat nor gain any kind of advantage.

He finally added that, in the preparation of the car, they were mainly focused on the homologation form and thus overlooked the required battery minimum weight stipulated in the applicable Appendix J regulations.

The FIA Technical Delegate explained that the battery minimum weight was introduced in the regulations as one of the elements to keep the costs for R5 cars at a reasonable level.

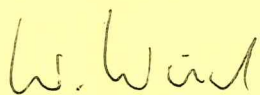
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The Stewards consider that car No. 35 is not in conformity with Article 261-501-bat0 of the Appendix J to the 2018 FIA International Sporting Code regarding the weight of the battery and therefore, after due deliberation

DECIDE

- To impose, in application of Article 12.3.1.h of the 2018 FIA International Sporting Code, a **drop of 6 places in the Final Classification of the Rally** onto the Competitor No. 35, thus dropping him into the last position of the WRC2 classification.
- This drop of places in the final classification is expressed in terms of a **time penalty of 19 minutes**.

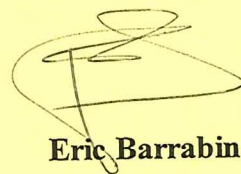
The right of appeal is stipulated in the 2018 FIA International Sporting Code and in the 2018 FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.



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