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**Date:** 22 January 2021 **Time:** 18:30 hrs  
**Subject:** STEWARDS DECISION NO. 3 **Document No:** 2.4

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**To:** Mr. PAWEL BLUM, MOTORSPORT LOCATION CATERING (MLC)

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The Stewards, having received a report from the COVID-19 Delegate, summoned the above individual, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

**Facts** The PCR Test dates for two employees of Motorsport Location Catering (MLC) were altered from the original certificates required to be able to attend a WRC event under the COVID-19 Protocol.

**Offence** Infringement of 2021 International Sporting Code Appendix S, Art. 2.1, Art. 4.5.3 and COVID-19 Delegate Notes for the Monte-Carlo Event Art. 2.1.2 (5), 2021 International Sporting Code Art. 12.2.1. c, d and h.

**Decision** Suspension of Mr. Pawel Blum as a Profile 1 Attendee as defined in the Appendix S to the 2021 International Sporting Code to any World Rally Championship event from 24 January 2021 until 24 July 2021 (6 months). Application of 2021 International Sporting Code Art.11.9.3a, and Art. 12.4.5

**Reason** The Stewards heard from Mr. Pawel Blum, on Friday, 22 January 2021 at 14.30 hrs in the presence of Dr. Cem Boneval, FIA COVID-19 Delegate. Mr. Blum admitted to altering the PCR Test dates for two of his employees attending Rallye Automobile Monte-Carlo. Their flight from Amsterdam had been cancelled, meaning their negative test results would be over the 96-hour limit upon arrival at the Monte-Carlo event.

The falsification of the PCR Test documents is nevertheless considered as a very serious breach of ISC Articles 12.2 as mentioned above and the statement brought forward by Mr. Blum can in no way be accepted as mitigating circumstances or a lapse.

Both employees of MLC were instructed to leave the Service Park on the morning of 21 January 2021 and to undertake a PCR Test and the people concerned were to self-isolate. Subsequently both employees returned another negative PCR Test result on 22 January 2021.

Motorsport Location Catering (MLC) supply M-Sport, Sainteloc, DG Sport and the WRC Promoter with catering on event. Mr. Blum's actions as Company Director brought unnecessary risk to these team members.

The World Rally Championship and the FIA take the regulations of ISC Appendix S and the procedures to reduce exposure to the pandemic extremely seriously. Whilst Mr. Blum apologised for his actions, the risk to others was unacceptable.

Moreover, the falsification of the two PCR Test documents is considered as a serious breach of Art. 12.2 of the 2021 International Sporting Code.

Mr Blum is reminded that he has the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter IV of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.



Iain Campbell  
The Stewards



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**RE: Stewards Decision No. 3 – 89e RALLYE AUTOMOBILE MONTE-CARLO**

***This decision was notified by the Stewards to Mr Pawel Blum as below:***

<i>Name (in block letters): PAWEL BLUM</i>	<i>Date: 22 January 2021</i>
<i>Position within MLC: COMPANY DIRECTOR</i>	<i>Time: 18.55 hrs</i>

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