

Rally Liepāja

14.-16. August 2020



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Subject:	DECISION No. 3	Document No.:	2.4
From:	The Stewards		
To:	Competitor and car No: 12, Motorsport Ireland Rally Academy Crew: Callum DEVINE / Brian HOY		
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The Stewards, having received a report from the FIA Technical Delegate (Document No 6.1), having examined photos, having summoned and heard the team representatives (Summons No 01, Doc. No. 4.1), have considered the following matter, determine the following:

Fact: During pre-event scrutineering, car no. 12 was found with a tube of safety cage bended.

Offence: Breach of ISC Appendix J Art. 253.8.1; "Any modification to a homologated or certified safety cage is forbidden."

Decision: 1. **The competitors must replace the tube of the safety cage with an unmodified part.**

2. **If the tube will be replaced on 14.08.2020 before 18.10 hrs and the FIA Technical Delegate will approve the new part, the crew no 12 may start the Qualifying Stage according to the Start list for QS, otherwise the start for QS will be rejected.**
3. **If the tube cannot be repaired by 14.08.2020 before 18.10 hrs the Competitor may have repaired the tube concerned before 15.08.2020 09.00 hrs. The FIA Technical Delegate may decide whether the repair of the safety cage is acceptable.**
4. **In both cases (2./3.) the manufacturer must confirm that he takes the responsibility for the repair in writing.**
4. **If the FIA Technical will not approve the safety cage on 15.8.2020, 9.00 hrs and the manufacturer does not confirm the proper repair, the competitor will be disqualified (not allowed to start).**

Reason: Hearing the team representatives, they admit that the tube is bend. They explain, that the tube can be bend easily and it might have happened during repair works... However, they admit that the tube is a part of the homologated safety cage.

Appendix J, Art. 253.8.1 is noticeably clear: "Any modification to a homologated or certified safety cage is forbidden. To be considered as a modification, any process made to the cage by machining, welding, that involves a permanent modification of the material or the safety cage. All repairs to a homologated or certified safety cage, damaged after an accident must be carried out by the manufacturer of the cage or with his approval."

The Stewards concluded that the car may not participate in the rally if the safety cage is not according to the regulations. The Stewards made the decision based on ISC Art. 11.9.1; Art. 11.9.2.b; Art. 11.9.3.g, Art. 12.3.1.m and FIA Regional Rally Sporting Regulations Art. 31.1.7.

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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.

In application of Article 12.2.3.b of the 2020 FIA International Sporting Code, this Decision becomes immediately binding even in the event of an appeal as it concerns a question of safety.

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