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Subject : STEWARDS DECISION No : 9

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From : The stewards of the meeting

To : All competitors / crew members
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The stewards received a protest from FORD ABU DHABI W.R.T. in relation to an irregularity in the Road Book for SS4 / SS7, specifically page 55 box 18.

The stewards, having heard evidence from some of the top crews and various officials and having viewed video evidence, concluded that there were different interpretations of the discussion between the teams and the organisers in relation to instruction No. 18, page 55 of the event Road Book.

This understanding had not been confirmed by the organisers in writing, which resulted in the route taken by various competitors differing.

It was further identified that the option as to the available route was changed between the first run (SS4) and the second run (SS7) by the organisers decision to remove the tape that had been installed across the entry to one of the roads during the running of SS4.

Additionally it was identified that no competitor strictly followed the Road Book (Art. 14.2 of the 2011 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations) and that under reconnaissance only one option was possible due to oncoming traffic possibility.

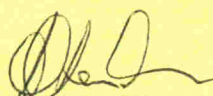
The stewards after considerable investigations and due deliberation


DECIDE


- To take no action in relation to the results.

- To fine the organisers € 5000.00 for failing to correctly communicate by Bulletin to ALL competitors a clear instruction under Art. 2.1 of the 2011 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations.

All parties are reminded of their right of appeal.


Morrie Chandler
Chairman


Patrick Suberville
Steward


Carlos García Remohí
Steward

Stewards of the meeting

