

**Date:** April 28, 2018 **Time:** 17:45 hrs

**Subject:** STEWARDS DECISION NO. 2 **Document No:** 2.3

**To:** The Competitor of car No. 38 DIEGO H. DOMINGUEZ S.

and

Hyundai Motorsport

The Stewards, having received a report from the FIA Technical Delegate, summoned a representative of the above competitor as well as representatives from Hyundai Motorsport, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

- Facts** The ECU software used on car 38 did not match with the homologated software when checked on Friday, April 27.
- Offence** Art. 10.3.3 of the 2018 FIA International Sporting Code  
Art. 261-02-3, Appendix J to the 2018 FIA International Sporting Code.
- Decision** To impose a fine of **€ 30000** on Hyundai Motorsport, **€ 25000 of which being suspended** and to become immediately payable should Hyundai Motorsport commit a similar infringement – ECU software not conforming – before the end of the 2019 WRC season.

**Reason** The hearing was held on Saturday, April 28 at 15:30 hrs and attended by representatives of the competitor, Robert Hermans, Team Manager and Jorge de la Fuente, Support Engineer. Hyundai Motorsport was represented by Michel Nandan, Team Principal and Laurent Lebastard, Electronics Systems Engineering. Jérôme Toquet, FIA Technical Delegate and Clément Clerc, Assistant to the FIA Technical Delegate were also present.

During the hearing, Mr. Hermans explained that they had received the rally car as such from Hyundai Motorsport in February 2018 and no modifications had been made to the ECU Software.

Mr. Nandan explained that they had ordered a batch of ECUs from the supplier that were by mistake not exactly similar to those they were supposed to receive. He added that it is possible to correct this difference with a software update, but not being aware of all ECUs that were affected, this particular ECU was not updated.

According to the FIA Technical Delegate, Hyundai Motorsport has had several ECU software related issues in the past and had been advised to pay more attention on this matter.

As updating the ECU during this rally would potentially put at risk its proper functioning and as no spare ECUs are currently available, it was agreed that Hyundai Motorsport updates and verifies the ECU together with the FIA Technical Delegate immediately after this rally.

After due deliberation, the Stewards conclude that, as a manufacturer, Hyundai Motorsport must make sure that the parts they deliver to customers comply with the regulations. Therefore, under Article 12.4.1 in conjunction with Article 12.2.1 of the 2018 FIA International Sporting Code, the penalty is imposed on Hyundai Motorsport.

Under these circumstances, no further action is taken against the competitor.



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

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The Stewards

- Received by competitor No 38 representative :

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- Received by Hyundai Motorsport's representative:

Name: Dariusz Nowak

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