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**From:** The Stewards  
**To:** The Competitor HYUNDAI SHELL MOBIS WORLD RALLY TEAM of car No. 8  
Crew OTT TÄNAK / MARTIN JÄRVEOJA

All Competitors / crew members

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The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course, summoned the above competitor's representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

**Facts** Car No. 8 was driven at excessive speed on a public road on the late afternoon of Wednesday, 31 July 2024. The Safety Tracking device recorded a maximum speed of 172 km/h in a zone where the speed limit is 100 km/h.

**Offence** Breach of Articles 12.2.1.c, 12.2.1.d, 12.2.1.f and 12.2.1.h of the 2024 FIA International Sporting Code.

**Decision** A fine of **€ 5,000** on the Competitor HYUNDAI SHELL MOBIS WORLD RALLY TEAM

In accordance with Art. 12.8 of the 2024 FIA International Sporting Code, fines shall be paid within 48 hours of their notification. Any delay in making payment may entail Suspension during the period a fine remains unpaid.

**Reason** Considering the excessive speed at which car No. 8 was driven, the Stewards summoned the above Competitor's representative. A hearing was held on Thursday, 1 August 2024 at 14.45 hrs in the presence of the Team Representative Mr. Tolga OZAKINCI and Lead Engineer Mr. Jan DE JONG.

Mr. DE JONG explained that during the previous event, TET RALLY LATVIA, they had faced some issues with the wipers of the rally cars. In order to test if this issue had been properly fixed in the preparation for this event, a mechanic went out with the car in order to try the function of the wipers. By doing so he was obviously more focussed on the function of the wipers than on the allowed speed. Mr. OZAKINCI confirmed that the wipers problem was also discussed in their last team meeting as the drivers had some safety concerns on driving the high speed stages of SECTO RALLY FINLAND with malfunctioning wipers. Both Mr. DE JONG and Mr. OZAKINCI apologised for the lack of judgement and this human error.

A rally begins on the day of administrative checks or reconnaissance, whichever is earlier, and so SECTO RALLY FINLAND had begun.

Excessive speed represents a serious breach of the above-mentioned articles of the 2024 FIA International Sporting Code. Safety remains a key challenge and the FIA is committed to do everything possible to improve driving behaviour.

Article 9.15 of the 2024 FIA International Sporting Code places the burden of responsibility on the Competitor for all acts and consequences of actions by any person(s) to whom the Competitor has allowed access (amongst others) to the Reserved Areas. Furthermore, it also places them (i.e. the person(s) allowed access) equally responsible to adhere to the Code and Championship regulations.

The Stewards conclude that while the team member is obligated to adhere to the Code and regulations, it equally places the onus on the Competitor for responsibility for the actions of their team members.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2024 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.



Tanja Geilhausen  
The Stewards



Andrew Kellitt



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**This decision was notified to the Competitor's officially nominated representative as below:**

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	<b>TOLGA OZAKINCI</b>	<i>Date:</i>	<b>1.8.2024</b>
<i>Position within the team:</i>	<b>TEAM MANAGER</b>	<i>Time:</i>	<b>16:45</b>

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