## **RALLY ESTONIA 2021**



Date:	18.7.2021	Time:	18:20 hrs
Subject:	STEWARDS DECISION NO. 13	Document No:	2.14
То:	The Competitor HYUNDAI SHELL MOBIS WORLD RALLY TEAM of car No. 11 Crew THIERRY NEUVILLE / MARTIJN WYDAEGHE		

The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course with documentary evidence attached, summoned the above crew members as well as a competitor's representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Facts Car no. 11 was driving at excessive speed on a road section while approaching TC23. The FIA Safety Tracking device recorded a speed of 190 km/h in a zone where the speed limit is 90 km/h.

Offence Breach of Articles:

- 34.3.1 of the 2021 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations.
- 12.2.1.c, 12.2.1.d, 12.2.1.f, 12.2.1.h of the 2021 FIA International Sporting Code
- Decision1) A fine of 2,500 € on the Driver THIERRY NEUVILLE, irrespective of the fine<br/>levied by the Clerk of the Course (re COC Decision No. 7)
  - 2) Suspension of the Driver THIERRY NEUVILLE for one competition in the 2021 FIA World Rally Championship, applied with suspension of sentence and which shall become immediately enforceable if, within the 2021 FIA WRC season, Mr. NEUVILLE commits any speeding offence exceeding 30% or more of the applicable speed limit.
- ReasonConsidering the excessive speed at which car no. 11 was driven, the Stewards<br/>summoned the crew of car 11 and the Competitor's Representative.<br/>A hearing was held on Sunday 18 July 2021 at 17.30 hrs in the presence of Driver<br/>Thierry Neuville, Co-driver Martijn Wydaeghe and Team Manager, Alain Penasse.

The crew stated that, due to some technical problems on their car, they were approaching TC23 late. As they were fighting for a podium position in the classification they could not avoid overspeeding in order not to be late at TC23. They added that at that moment the road was clear of traffic.

Excessive speed represents a serious breach of the above-mentioned articles of the FIA International Sporting Code.

In this case the speed recorded was more than 100% over the speed limit, and the absence of traffic cannot be taken into consideration to claim mitigating circumstances.

The FIA is constantly promoting road safety through the "FIA Action for Road Safety" campaign.

Furthermore, "Obey the Speed Limit" is one of the FIA's Golden Rules.

Safety remains a key challenge and the FIA is committed to do everything possible to improve driving behaviour.

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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 Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.

Edoardo Delleani The Stewards

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## This decision was notified by email to the Competitor's officially nominated representative as below:

Name (in block letters): ALAIN PENASSE	Date: 18/07/21
Position within the team: TEAM MANAGER	Time: 18:28

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