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**Time** : 17.00 hrs

**Subject** : STEWARDS DECISION No: 2

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**From** : The Stewards

**To** : The Competitor of car No. 1 M-SPORT WORLD RALLY TEAM  
Crew SEBASTIEN OGIER / JULIEN INGRASSIA

The Stewards received a report from the Clerk of the Course about an alleged traffic infringement by car No. 1 on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017 on the road section between Special Stage 16 and Special Stage 17. A link to a video footage from a street camera which had recorded the infringement at the junction in question was included. A report by the police about a slight collision with another car was furthermore submitted to the Stewards.

The Stewards then summoned the driver Sébastien Ogier and the co-driver Julien Ingrassia as well as a competitor's representative for a hearing that was conducted on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017 at 16.30 hrs in the Stewards' Room and attended by the driver and the co-driver as well as by the Team Manager, Mr. ~~Iain~~ Tullie.

*Iain*  
The video footage was presented to the team members who confirmed that the rally car shown in this video was their car No. 1. The video showed that, when approaching a roundabout junction just before the refuel zone 9 'Goldap', car No. 1 crossed the continuous white line along the centre line of the road, passed two other cars and forced its way back into the queue of cars just in front of a traffic island. Right after the traffic island, the car then took the roundabout in the opposite driving direction to exit to the left. The police report, which was also made available to the competitor in the hearing, furthermore stated that car No. 1 collided with the car in front. This collision happened when car No. 1 was pulling back into the queue of cars as mentioned above, going through "surface excluded from traffic" (crossed lines).

During the hearing, Sébastien Ogier explained that they were a little in a hurry at this point as they had encountered some technical issues during the day and that they were almost late to check in at the next time control. He said that the cars in front of him were driving very slowly and he could not say that he did not touch the private car mentioned earlier but that this cannot be seen on the video (it was only reported by the police). He added " *I might have like...*". He further admitted that he had then taken the roundabout in the wrong direction.

Finally he said that he was sorry about this incident.

The Stewards, having considered the matter thoroughly, come to the following conclusions:

- The timeline and the succession of the events involved in this incident are viewed as one single infringement of Article 20.4.4 of the 2017 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations
- The above facts further represent an infringement of Article 12.1.1.c and of Appendix B to the 2017 FIA International Sporting Code (Code of Good Standing), especially considering that the Driver Sébastien Ogier and the Co-driver Julien Ingrassia, being the current and multiple FIA World Rally

*WRC Clerk*





Champions and hence persons of public interest in the field of motorsport, should always comply with the Respect of the FIA's objectives and interests as stated in the ISC Appendix B,

Therefore

the Stewards after due deliberation

### DECIDE

under Art. 12.3 and Art. 12.4 of the 2017 FIA International Sporting Code,

- To levy a Fine of € 4,000 onto the Driver of car No. 1 SEBASTIEN OGIER
- € 2,000 of this total Fine are payable pursuant to Art. 12.7 of the 2017 FIA International Sporting Code and € 2,000 of this total Fine are applied with suspension of sentence and will come into effect immediately should the Driver Sébastien Ogier commit any further traffic offence under Art. 20.4 of the 2017 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations in any of the next 3 WRC rallies in which he participates during the 2017 season
- To issue a Reprimand onto the Driver Sébastien Ogier.

The right to appeal is stipulated in the 2017 FIA International Sporting Code and in the 2017 FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.

**Waltraud Wünsch**  
Chairperson - Stewards

**Christina Lundqvist**

**Łukasz Biegus**

#### *Received by :*

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Competitor : M-SPORT WORLD RALLY TEAM

Car No : 1

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Signature :

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