

Rally Liepaja

30th June – 3rd July 2021



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From:	The Stewards		
To:	FCA ITALY S.p.A. (ex ABARTH & C. S.p.A.)		
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The Stewards have received two reports from the FIA Technical Delegate (Doc. No. 6.2 and Doc. No. 6.3). The Stewards, summoned, and heard the Cup representatives Mr. Francesco Italo Senesi, have considered the matter, determine the following:

To FCA ITALY S.p.A. (ex ABARTH & C. S.p.A.) being considered participant in Rally Liepaja:

- (1) Art. 1.3 of the FIA International Sporting Code (the Code) is clear in stating that any person, or group of persons, organising a Competition or taking part therein:
 - Shall be deemed to be acquainted with the statutes and regulations of the FIA and the national regulations.
 - Shall undertake to submit themselves without reserve to the above and to the decisions of the sporting authority and to the consequences resulting therefrom.
- (2) Art. 1.1.1 of the FIA Regional Rally Sporting Regulation (RRSR) determines that any suppliers connected with competitive cars are **considered to be rally participants in accordance with Article 1.3 of the Code**, and as such must adhere to the obligations imposed on them and abide by the decisions of the sporting authority.
- (3) FCA, is owner of *Abarth* brand and is the Promoter (license No. 469026 issued by ACI Sport), of the ABARTH RALLY CUP 2021.
- (4) The Stewards conclude that, according to the Code and the applicable regulations, **FCA ITALY S.p.A must be considered as participant of Rally Liepaja. Thus, FCA ITALY S.p.A is under the jurisdiction of the Stewards.**

Facts: During pre-event scrutineering, in car #39 and car #40 (both Abarth 124 rally) not all safety cages tubes were completely welded. (see Appendix 1 and 2)

Offence: Breach of 2020 Appendix J, Art. 253-8.3.4
Creating an unsafe situation (Art. 12.2.1.h of the Code)

Decision: Reprimand to FCA ITALY S.p.A. (ex ABARTH & C. S.p.A.)

- Reason:**
- (1) Both cars are a Abarth 124 rally (PTRGT-009) with the rollcage certificate 126-CS (issued by ACI). The roll cage manufacturer is Abarth & C. s.p.a.
 - (2) According to Appendix J 253-8 2021 for safety cages of cars homologated before 01.01.2021, the applicable regulations are in Articles 253-8 of the 2020 Appendix J.
 - (3) In the case of the Abarth R-GT, the safety cage was homologated before 01/01/2021, so the Article 253 (2020) gives the guidance on welding.

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- (4) The welding must be carried out along the whole perimeter of the tube. All welds must be with full penetration and preferably using a gas-shielded arc. (Art. 8.3.4)
- (5) Since the **ABARTH & C. S.p.A** sold these cars with the safety cage to customers, for the Stewards it is condition precedent that all safety related components must absolutely comply with the FIA regulations.
- (6) According to Art. 12.1.2 of the Code offences or infringements are punishable, whether they were committed intentionally or through negligence.
- (7) The parts in question are essential for the driver's safety and safety is one of the most important objectives of FIA. Safety remains a key challenge and FIA is committed to do everything possible to protect, among others, the drivers. **The Stewards want to encourage FCA ITALY S.p.A to make all possible effort to trace all sold cars for the correct welding of the safety cage.**
- (8) Since the problems with the safety cage here in Rally Liepaja were solved in time, the Stewards are convinced that it is adequate to give a reprimand to **FCA ITALY S.p.A.**
- (9) The Stewards decided in application of Art. 11.9.1; Art. 11.9.3.a, Art. 11.9.3.f, Art. 12.3.1 and Art. 12.4.1.b of the 2021 International Sporting Code.

All parties concerned 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 Article 9.1.1 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits.

In accordance with Article 15.4.2.b the Stewards set the time limit for the notification of the intention to appeal to 5 hours.

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