

# Rally Liepaja

## 30<sup>th</sup> June – 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2021



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Subject:	<b>DECISION No. 18</b>	Document No.:	<b>2.21</b>
From:	The Stewards		
To:	Competitor car no <b>52</b> Name: <b>M-Sport Racing Kft</b> Crew : <b>Martin László / Dávid Berendi</b>		
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The Stewards have received a report from the Clerk of the Course (Doc. No. 3.2). The Stewards, summoned, and heard the competitor's representative, Mr. Zoltan Bessenyey, have considered the matter, determine the following:

**Facts:** On 27 June 2021, at approx. 17.41 hrs a Opel with Latvian registration plate No. MR 1181 was seen on SS2 "Talsi Lookout".

**Offence:** Breach of Art. 12.2.1.c of the Code  
Breach of Art. 35.3, Art. 35.4.1 and Art. 35.4.2 of the FIA RRSR  
Breach of Art. 9.2.4 of the Supplementary Regulation

**Decision:** **2-minute time penalty to be applied in Leg 1.**

**Reason:** As to a report of the Chief Safety Office, he saw an Opel (SIXT rental car) with Latvian registration no "MR 1181" on SS2 on June 27 at about 17.41 hrs. The location was Road Book page 1-30 box 25, at km 22.70. He tried to stop the car, but it speeded up and continued to the finish of the Special Stage.

On questioning Mr. Bessenyey he explained that he has given the Opel to the camera crew which will produce video footage for the team. They were checking the best camera positions and therefore they had a video camera in the car. He continued to say, that the camera crew did not take videos from the stages and the crew was not on the stage.

The Stewards do not have any proof that any crew member was on Special Stage 2. However, according to the RRSR Art. 2.22 a team is made up of the competitor, the crew and support personnel. Article 25.3 of the RRSR specifies that as from the publication of the Rally Supplementary Regulations any team member wishing to drive on any road which is used as a Rally Special Stage, may only do so after obtaining the organiser's written permission. RRSR Art. 35.4.2 states that only with the express authorisation of the Clerk of the Course any person connected with an entered crew may travel on or over the route of a Special Stage of the Rally (except on foot) from the publication of the Rally Supplementary Regulations.

The Stewards conclude that the camera crew is connected to the competitor and is considered as support personnel. The presence of support personnel on a Special Stage is a breach of the RRSR Art. 25.3 and Art. 25.4.2.

Art. 12.1.1.a of the code makes clear that offences or infringements are punishable, whether they were committed intentionally or through negligence.

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Every competitor and driver should also be aware that visiting the SS before the scheduled time is not only unsportsmanlike towards his competitors, but also causes considerable difficulties for the organiser to get permits in the following year. The reputation of rallying is damaged by behaviour like this.

The Stewards feel that this infringement of the reconnaissance regulations may have led to the crew gaining an unfair advantage over fellow competitors and thus they decide for a time penalty.

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.

According to Art. 12.3.3.b of the Code this decision of the Stewards becomes immediately binding even in the event of an appeal, since it concerns a breach of Article 12.2.

**Uwe M. SCHMIDT (DEU)**  
FIA Chairman of the Stewards

**Tomas KUNC (CZE)**  
FIA Steward

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