

**Date** : 29<sup>th</sup> July 2017

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**Subject** : STEWARDS DECISION NO : 6

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**From** : The Stewards

**To** : The Competitor of car No. 89 TOM WILLIAMS  
Crew TOM WILLIAMS / PHIL HALL

The Stewards received a report from the FIA Technical Delegate on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 06:15 hrs stating as follows.

Car n°89

Engine block from car n°89 was sealed at pre-rally scrutineering.

Car 89 is in Parc Ferme and listed as applying for Rally 2.

Engine block is **not** sealed anymore.

2017 WRC Regulations:

**63.1 ENGINE REPLACEMENT - ALL COMPETITORS**

**63.1.1** In the case of engine failure between scrutineering and TC0 it is permitted to replace the engine but a 5-minute penalty will be applied.

**63.1.2** Other than above, the same engine block must be used from passing scrutineering until the finish of the rally.

**It is important to note that car n°89 did not pass TC0.**

The Stewards then summoned and heard the representative of the Competitor, Mr. David Williams, as well as the driver and the co-driver of car No. 89 the same evening at 22:45 hrs.

The Stewards also heard the Clerk of the Course, Mr. Kai Tarkiainen, and the Competitor's Relations Officer, Mr. Jan Lönegren, in the presence of the representative of the Competitor and both Drivers.

After an engine failure in the Shakedown, crew No. 89 did not start Section 1 (TC0). They then changed the engine after the start of the competitive element of the rally as they thought they were allowed to do so under WRC Art. 63.1.1. They then started Section 2 on the next day under the provisions of WRC Art. 46 (Re-Start after Retirement / Rally 2) since they had been told by rally officials, through the Competitor Relations Officer, that they could start Section 2 without having to check-in at TC0 (the start of the competitive element of the rally). Due to various misunderstandings and wrong information, they were also included in the Start List for Section 2 as re-starter, pursuant to WRC Art. 46.

Having considered the representations made in the hearing by all parties concerned, the Stewards conclude

- that a breach of WRC Art. 46 has nevertheless been committed insofar as the competitor had not taken the start to Section 1, which is a condition to re-start under WRC Art. 46, but consider at the same time to grant mitigating circumstances for this breach as the team had received misleading information from rally officials through the Competitors Relation Officer
- that a breach of WRC Art. 47.2.3, which must also be taken into consideration, has been committed insofar as the change of an engine after the start of the competitive element of the rally is not permitted.

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Under the above circumstances the Stewards conclude that an infringement of Article 46 as well as Article 47.2.3 of the 2017 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations has been committed by Competitor No. 89 and after due deliberation

**DECIDE**

To impose the penalty of **Disqualification** on the Competitor of car No. 89 Tom Williams.

The Competitor is reminded of his right to appeal.



**Waltraud Wünsch**  
Chairman - Stewards



**Christian Tornatore**



**Heikki Poranen**

**Received by :**

Name : *TOM WILLIAMS*

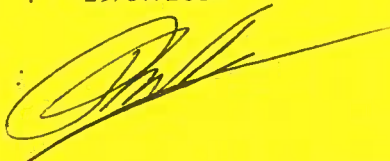
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Car No : *89*

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