
Date: 02.06.2024 **Time:** 16:50 hrs
Subject: STEWARDS DECISION No. 12 **Document No:** 2.13

From: The Stewards
To: The Competitor PEPE LÓPEZ of car No. 24
Crew PEPE LÓPEZ / DAVID VÁZQUEZ

All Competitors / crew members

The Stewards, having received through the Clerk of the Course a request from the above Competitor to grant *force majeure* regarding his non-participation in Rally Italia Sardegna 2024 due to medical reasons, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Facts The Competitor mentioned above requested *force majeure* to be granted for the withdrawal of their Crew PEPE LÓPEZ / DAVID VÁZQUEZ from Rally Italia Sardegna 2024, due to the driver's inability to participate in the Rally due to alleged medical issues.

Decision Under Art. 6.2.3.1 of the 2024 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations, the non-participation of the above Competitor PEPE LÓPEZ is not accepted as a case of *force majeure* for this Rally. Rally Italia Sardegna 2024 is therefore to be considered as one of the rallies entered by the Competitor to score points in any of the 2024 FIA WRC2 Support Championships.

Reason The Stewards received an email sent on 22nd May 2024 by the Competitor of car 24 PEPE LÓPEZ to the organiser, stating that they would not be able to participate in Rally Italia Sardegna 2024 due to medical problems met by the driver. Attached to the email was a handwritten CERTIFICADO MEDICO in Spanish. The organiser requested the Competitor, already on 22nd May 2024, to provide an English translation of this CERTIFICADO MEDICO.

Although this request was further reiterated during the rally both by the organiser and the FIA WRC Category Manager, the Competitor failed to submit any clear medical evidence as stipulated in Art. 6.2.3.1 of the 2024 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations, within the time limit set by the Stewards, i.e. 12.00 hrs on Sunday 2nd June 2024, deadline that was communicated to the Competitor via the organiser.

After consultation with the FIA Medical Delegate and after due deliberation, the Stewards concurred NOT to accept the request received from the Competitor of car 24 to consider their non-participation at Rally Italia Sardegna 2024 as a case of *force majeure*.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2024 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.



Tanja Geilhausen
The Stewards



Kai Tarkiainen



Alice Scutellà

RE: Stewards Decision No. 12 – RALLY ITALIA SARDEGNA 2024

This decision was notified by email to the Competitor **PEPE LÓPEZ** and acknowledged as below:

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| <i>Name (in block letters):</i> | PEPE LÓPEZ | <i>Date:</i> | 2.6.2024 |
| <i>Position within the team:</i> | Competitor of car No. 24 entered in Rally Italia Sardegna 2024 | <i>Time:</i> | NOT acknowledged by the Competitor |

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