



## 2013 JAPANESE GRAND PRIX

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| <b>From</b> | The FIA Stewards of the Meeting      | <b>Document</b> | 16              |
| <b>To</b>   | The Team Manager<br>Williams F1 Team | <b>Date</b>     | 11 October 2013 |
|             |                                      | <b>Time</b>     | 18:46           |

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The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, heard from the team representatives, examined video/audio evidence and inspected the relevant parts of the car, have considered the following matter and determine a breach of the regulations has been committed by the competitor named below and impose the penalty referred to.

**No / Driver** 16 - Pastor Maldonado

**Competitor** Williams F1 Team

**Time** 11:07

**Session** Practice 1

**Fact** The rear left wheel came off the car at turn 13 during its third consecutive fast lap.

**Offence** Breach of Article 23.12 of the FIA Formula One Sporting Regulations and breach of Article 14.7 of the FIA Formula One Technical Regulations.

**Decision** The competitor (Williams F1 Team) is fined €60,000.

**Reason** Examination of the parts concerned revealed that the wheel fastener had not been completely fastened, thus not engaging the first retaining plunger. This is a breach of Article 23.12 of the FIA Formula One Sporting Regulations. The secondary retaining plunger failed to keep the wheel in place. This is a breach of Article 14.7 of the FIA Formula One Technical Regulations.

This is regarded as a serious safety issue.

The team has assured the Stewards that the appropriate measures will be immediately implemented to ensure compliance.

The team cooperated completely with the Stewards during the investigation.

**Garry Connelly**

**Jose Abed**

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**Takashi Mitarashi**

**The FIA Stewards of the Meeting**