



2016 SPANISH GRAND PRIX

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To	The Team Manager, Mercedes AMG Petronas F1 Team	Date	15 May 2016
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The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, heard from the drivers and team representatives, and examined video evidence, have considered the following matter and determine the following.

N° / Driver	44 – Lewis Hamilton 6 - Nico Rosberg
Competitor	Mercedes AMG Petronas F1 Team
Time	14:03
Session	Race
Facts	Cars 44 and 6 collided between turn 3 and 4.
Offence	Alleged incident as defined by Article 38.1 of the FIA Formula One Sporting Regulations
Decision	No further action.
Reason	<p>The incident concerned started when Car 6 dropped into an incorrect power mode, as set by the driver prior to the start. This created a significant power differential between Car 6 and Car 44 at the exit of Turn 3 coming onto the straight, resulting in as much as a 17kph speed difference between the two cars on the straight. Car 6 moved to the right to defend his position, as is his right under Art 27.7 of the Sporting regulations. Simultaneously Car 44 as the significantly faster car with, at that time, apparent space on the inside, moved to make the pass. Art 27.7 requires the leading driver to leave room, if there is a “significant portion” of the car attempting to pass alongside. Car 44 had a portion of his front wing inside Car 6 small fractions of a second prior to Car 44 having to leave the right side of the track to avoid an initial collision, which may have led him to believe he had the right to space on the right. Once on the grass on the side of the track Car 44 was no longer in control of the situation.</p> <p>Having heard extensively from both drivers and from the team, the Stewards determined that Car 6 had the right to make the maneuver that he did and that Car 44's attempt to overtake was reasonable, and that the convergence of events led neither driver to be wholly or predominantly at fault, and therefore take no further action.</p>

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