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

No / Driver 30 - Jolyon Palmer
Competitor Renault Sport F1 Team
Time 14:33
Session Qualifying
Fact Failing to slow for yellow flags.
Offence Breach of Appendix H, Article 2.4.5.1 b) of the FIA international Sporting Code.
Decision Drop of 3 grid positions.
(2 penalty points awarded, 2 points total for the 12 month period).
Reason The telemetry clearly showed that the driver made no reduction in speed and was at full acceleration through the yellow flag area. Notwithstanding the fact the driver could see the disabled Car 55 on the side of the track, the regulations are clear that on display of double yellow flags a significant reduction in speed must be made. This did not happen in this case.

It is noted by the Stewards that there appears to be a lack of understanding of the requirement for a significant reduction in speed where double yellow flags are displayed and that drivers should not assume that what is in their field of vision is the only hazard to which the flags refer.

Garry Connelly Radovan Novak
Martin Donnelly Wilhelm Singer

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