

2018 SPANISH GRAND PRIX

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From	The Stewards	Document	13
To	The Team Manager, Sahara Force India F1 Team	Date	11 May 2018
		Time	19:00

The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, summoned (document 11) and heard from the team representative and driver, have considered the following matter and hereby determine the following:

No / Driver 11 - Sergio Perez

Competitor Sahara Force India F1 Team

Time 16:16

Session Practice 2

Fact Car 11 was released from a pit stop in an unsafe condition.

Offence Breach of Article 28.13 (b) of the FIA Formula One Sporting Regulations.

Decision The competitor (Sahara Force India F1 Team) is fined €5,000.

Reason The Stewards reviewed the video and audio of the pit stop of Car 11 at 16:16 and heard from the team representative and the driver. The Stewards determined that the car was released in an unsafe condition in breach of Art. 28.13(b) as the wheel was not properly attached to the car when released. Unusually, the wheel clamped to the car and it was not immediately apparent that the wheel was not fully fitted. The Stewards had the Technical Delegate inspect the car, and his conclusion agreed with the team's that although the wheel clamped, the wheel nut was cross threaded.

The driver stopped the car in a safe manner as soon as the above became apparent to him. And while there was some confusion on the radio, the team gave appropriate instructions as soon as they realized the issue, which was not apparent until just before Turn 9.

Consistent with previous decisions of a similar nature, the Stewards decided that the grid place penalty mentioned in the above Article would not be applied as all appropriate measures were taken, and in particular it was not obvious that the car was unsafe when it was released. Nevertheless, it is the responsibility of the team to take all measures to ensure that the wheel is fully fitted and accordingly, the Stewards fine the team €5,000.

Derek Warwick

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The Stewards