

2018 AZERBAIJAN GRAND PRIX

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To	The Team Manager, Sahara Force India F1 Team	Date	29 April 2018
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The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, summoned (document 39) and heard from the driver and team representative, have considered the following matter and hereby determine the following:

No / Driver 11 - Sergio Perez

Competitor Sahara Force India F1 Team

Time 16:53

Session Race

Fact Use of DRS when not permitted.

Offence Alleged breach of Article 21.5 c) of the FIA Formula One Sporting Regulations.

Decision No further action.

Reason The Stewards heard from Sergio Perez, the driver of car 11 and the team representative. The Stewards examined DRS activation data.

It is apparent that to move to the “default” setting if the DRS system malfunctions, requires the team to convey to the driver, by radio, a series of steps to adjust various settings.

In this case, the DRS light came on and as this was the first time the driver had experienced a default operation for the DRS, there was some misunderstanding of the procedure and the driver incorrectly activated the system manually. The system however, was only activated twice, each time for a short distance before the driver and team recognised the error.

The Stewards are satisfied that no car was overtaken through this incorrect use.

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