

2019 JAPANESE GRAND PRIX

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To	The Team Manager, Aston Martin Red Bull Racing	Date	13 October 2019
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The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, summoned (documents 35 and 36) and heard from the drivers and team representatives, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

No / Driver 33 - Max Verstappen

Competitor Aston Martin Red Bull Racing

Time 14:13

Session Race

Fact Incident between car 16 and car 33 in turn 1 on Lap 1.

Offence Alleged breach of Appendix L, Chapter IV Article 2 of the FIA International Sporting Code, read with Article 38.1 of the FIA Formula One Sporting Regulations.

Decision No further action.

Reason The Stewards reviewed video evidence, heard from the driver of car 16 (Charles Leclerc), the driver of car 33 (Max Verstappen) and team representatives.

Car 16 and car 33 were side by side as they transited turn 1 and approached turn 2 on the first lap, with car 16 on the inside. As the cars approached the apex of turn 2, car 33, which was marginally in front, stayed wide and allowed sufficient room to the inside but car 16 lost front grip in the wake of the car in front and abruptly understeered towards the outside of the track, contacting car 33 and forcing it off the track. While the loss of front grip on car 16 caused the contact and was not intentional, that loss of grip in close proximity to the car in front should have been anticipated and allowed for by car 16. Car 16 is judged predominantly at fault for the incident. This is a somewhat unusual first lap incident, as only these cars were directly involved, so few of the normal mitigating circumstances exist.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the FIA International Sporting Code and Article 9.1.1 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits.

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