

2021 SOCHI EVENT

23 to 26 September 2021

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To	The Team Manager, PREMA Racing	Date	26 September 2021
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The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

No / Driver 1 - Dennis Hauger

Competitor PREMA Racing

Time 10:19

Session Race 3

Fact Car 1 changed all four tyres during a pit stop at 10:19.

Offence Breach of 2021 FIA F3 Sporting Regulations Article 39.8.

Decision Car 1 is assessed a 10 second stop and go penalty which, since it could not be served during the race, is converted to a 30 second time penalty in the final classification in accordance with Article 40.3. No penalty points accrue to the driver for the team's decision to change all four tyres.

Reason Having considered the matter extensively, the Stewards examined video evidence, summoned and heard from the Driver and Team Representative (Document 53), and heard from the Technical Delegate. They determined that Car 1 pitted and changed all four tyres several laps after having spun during an incident at Turn 7. The driver reported vibrations in the car and ultimately decided to pit as a precautionary measure. The team, in the interest of time and keeping the car on the lead lap, made the decision to change all four tyres, rather than examining them for damage. The Technical Delegate examined the tyres after they were removed and found no evidence of damage. The Stewards closely looked at in-car video from the car and found no evidence of damage on the front tyres and also did not see evidence of severe vibration in the steering wheel. Accordingly, the Stewards find that the tyre change did not meet the grounds set by the regulations, in that no "clear and genuine safety reason" was found, nor did inspection of the tyres find a "punctured or damaged tyre."

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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