The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, summoned (document 68) and heard from the driver and team representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

No / Driver   5 - Sebastian Vettel
Competitor   Aston Martin Aramco Cognizant F1 Team
Time   15:10
Session   Race
Fact   Failure to keep within 10 car lengths of the car in front under Safety Car conditions.
Offence   Alleged breach of Article 55.7 of the Formula One Sporting Regulations.
Decision   No further action.
Reason   The Stewards heard from the driver of car 5 (Sebastian Vettel) and the team representative, and examined GPS evidence. After initially closing up to the car in front under the Safety Car procedure, for a period of time car 5 did not maintain the 10-car length rule. However, towards the end of the Safety Car period re-closed the gap and then maintained the required position until the race resumption. The Stewards also note that there were other drivers who also failed to keep to the 10-car lengths at different times during the procedure but that all were compliant at the end of the Safety Car period. Therefore the Stewards conclude that a penalty for car 5 is not appropriate in these circumstances.

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 Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits.

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The Stewards