

2023 ZANDVOORT EVENT

24 to 27 August 2023

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To	The Team Manager, PREMA Racing	Date	27 August 2023
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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 7 - Frederik Vesti

Competitor PREMA Racing

Time 10:20

Session Race 2

Fact Car 7 (Vesti) was released from his mandatory pit stop, at Turn 5 both rear wheels detached from the car.

Infringement Breach of Article 28.11 (c) of the FIA Formula 2 Sporting Regulations.

Decision A fine of 2000 Euros to be paid by the Team. In accordance with Article 12.8.1 of the ISC, fines shall be paid within forty-eight hours of their notification by means of bank transfer to the FIA.

Reason The Stewards examined video evidence. They summoned and heard the driver and team representative (document 59). The Technical Delegate also attended the hearing.

Car 7 was the second car serviced during a double stack pit stop. After re-entering the track both rear wheels came off the car at Turn 5. The Team Manager explained, and the Technical Delegate confirmed, that the green light indicating adequate torque on the wheel stays on for 20 seconds after use. During Car 7's pit stop the green light on the rear wheel guns can be seen to be on throughout the service. While the normal indicators of a successful wheel installation were not available to the team, the team also knew that the green light was meaningless under the circumstances. Given that fact, it is important to take extra care to be sure that the car is released in a safe condition. The facts here speak for themselves. Having considered the matter extensively, the Stewards determine that both rear wheels coming off indicate that the car was in fact released in an unsafe condition. The penalty applied is the standard penalty for similar infractions.

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.

The Stewards