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The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

**Session** Qualifying

**Fact** The cars below exceeded the 1:54.0-time limit between the Safety Car lines.

No	Car	Driver	Competitor	Time of Day	Lap
1	24	Zhou Guanyu	Alfa Romeo F1 Team Stake	15:07:16	L1 (Q1)
2	77	Valtteri Bottas	Alfa Romeo F1 Team Stake	15:07:28	L1 (Q1)
3	16	Charles Leclerc	Scuderia Ferrari	15:07:41	L1 (Q1)

**Infringement** Alleged breach of Article 33.4 of the FIA Formula One Sporting Regulations and Article 12.2.1 i) of the FIA International Sporting Code (non-compliance with the Race Director's Event Notes, item 4.2, document 3)

**Decision** No further action.

**Reasons** The Stewards thoroughly reviewed Marshalling/Positioning data, timing data, on-board cameras and CCTV cameras.

All drivers stayed at or above speeds necessary to stay below 1:54:0 around the vast majority of the circuit. However, in all cases the Stewards determined that the drivers took appropriate actions to slow and stay to the side to the track so as to not impede other drivers, and in all cases, they did this significantly to allow four or more drivers to pass while giving those drivers a clear track.

The Stewards therefore determine that they did not drive "unnecessarily slowly", and that evidently the reason they were all slightly above the maximum time was due to their appropriate actions and take no further action.

**Note** 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.

Decisions of the Stewards are taken independently of the FIA and are based solely on the relevant regulations, guidelines and evidence presented.

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