

## 2018 BRAZILIAN GRAND PRIX

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The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, summoned (document 18) and heard the driver and team representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

**No / Driver** 5 - Sebastian Vettel

**Competitor** Scuderia Ferrari

**Time** 15:27

**Session** Qualifying

**Fact** The driver of car 5 failed to follow instructions during the FIA weighing procedure.

**Offence** Breach of Article 12.1.1 i. of the FIA International Sporting Code and alleged breach of Article 29.1.a.i.

**Decision** Reprimand and €25,000 fine.  
1st reprimand of the current season.

**Reason** The Stewards reviewed the video evidence from the on-board camera and pit lane CCTV, viewed team engine telemetry and heard from the driver of car 5 (Sebastian Vettel) and team representative.

The Stewards first considered whether there was a breach of Article 29.1.a.i. As the driver both stopped at the FIA Garage and eventually stopped the engine, although not at the time usually expected in the established procedure, and a weight was obtained, these elements satisfy the requirements of the regulation and therefore the Stewards find no breach of this article.

Nevertheless, the officials give directions to the drivers at the scales in order for the weighing procedure to be accomplished in an orderly and safe way, without the possibility of damaging the scales.

The Stewards observed that the driver did not stop the engine at the time he was directed by the official at the scales, knocked over the cone placed to stop the driver from driving onto the scales, which he then did. At the time he was being shown a sign to have his "Brakes On" by an official that was standing in front of the car, and while not hitting the official did force him out of the way while driving onto the scales. He then turned off the engine.

Once the weight was taken he then did not wait for the officials to push the car off the scales, and while the Stewards accept that he may have mis-understood the indication from the official, he then re-fired the car and drove off the scales, which is not the procedure because it can damage the scales, which in this case he did. While no one was hurt by the scales being thrown out from behind the car, and while the Stewards accept that the driver did not drive off the scales in a reckless manner, the procedure

is established exactly to prevent damage to the scales or a potentially dangerous situation, which is exactly what was caused.

The Stewards found that the driver failed to follow the instructions of the relevant officials for the safe and orderly conduct of the Event and order a Reprimand (Non-Driving) and a fine of €25,000.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal the decisions of the Stewards (with the exception of those referred to in Article 12.2.4 of the FIA International Sporting Code), 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.

**Tim Mayer**

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**The Stewards**