



2025 BAHRAIN GRAND PRIX

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From	The Stewards	Document	54
To	The Team Manager, Mercedes-AMG PETRONAS F1 Team	Date	13 April 2025
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The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, summoned (document 44) and heard from the driver and team representatives Mr Shovlin and Mr Short (Head of Electronics) plus Mr Pearson (FIA Software), have considered the following matter and determine the following:

No / Driver 63 - George Russell

Competitor Mercedes-AMG PETRONAS F1 Team

Time 19:26

Session Race

Fact The driver used the DRS system when more than 1 second from the car in front.

Infringement Breach of Article 22.1 h) of the FIA Formula One Sporting Regulations

Decision No penalty is applied.

Reason The Stewards heard from the driver of Car 63 (George Russell), team representatives and Mr Pearson and reviewed positioning/marshalling system data, telemetry and team radio evidence.

The connection between the automated DRS activation system and the car failed due to issues with a timing loop provided by an external party. Therefore the FIA authorised manual activation of the DRS in accordance with Article 22.1 h). At the time the driver was experiencing a brake-by-wire issue and other electronic issues. He was at that time advised to use an auxiliary button in the cockpit which serves as a back up radio button but also serves as a manual DRS activation button.

On the straight between turns 10 and 11 he tried to radio the team using this button but instead accidentally activated the DRS. The DRS was activated for a distance of 37 metres on a straight of approximately 700 metres. Whilst he gained 0.02 seconds, he gave up 0.28 seconds at the next corner to compensate. This was confirmed by telemetry.

Accordingly whilst technically a breach occurred the Stewards decide that as there was no sporting advantage gained, no penalty is imposed.

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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