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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 F1 cars below exceeded the 1:52.0 time limit between the Safety Car lines.

No.	Car	Driver	Competitor	Time of Day	Lap Time
1	41	Arvid Lindblad	Visa Cash App Racing Bulls F1 Team	15:07:32	L5 (Q1)
2	5	Gabriel Bortoleto	Audi Revolut F1 Team	15:09:02	L4 (Q1)
3	44	Lewis Hamilton	Scuderia Ferrari HP	15:38:57	L13 (Q2)

**Infringement**   Alleged breach of Article B1.8.5 of the FIA F1 Regulations and Article 12.2.1.i of the FIA International Sporting Code (non-compliance with the Race Director's Competition Notes, item 1, document 21).

**Decision**        No further action.

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

All drivers concerned stayed at or above speeds necessary to stay below 1:52.0 (refer document 32) around the vast majority of the circuit. However, in all cases the Stewards determined that the drivers took appropriate actions to not impede other drivers, and in all cases, they slowed down significantly to allow other drivers to pass while giving those drivers a clear track. The Stewards therefore determine that all drivers concerned did not drive "unnecessarily slowly", and that they were above the maximum time because they took appropriate steps, and we therefore 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 5 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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