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Mr. Peter Bayer
Secretary General for Sport
Federation Internationale de l'Automobile
Place de la Concorde, Paris, France

Re: Rally rule clarification

Dear Mr. Bayer,

I write to request your assistance in a matter before the ASN; the question of what constitutes the “cutting” of a Rally Stage route, and corresponding penalty.

I have referred to the World Rally Championship and Regional Rally Championships documents with no success in garnering further information, hence this letter.

In the recently concluded Rally Jamaica, a Marshall reported a competitor to have “cut the stage route” by not negotiating the stage as defined by a rolled marl road. A pair of other competitors also made the same “cut”. All other competitors in the rally travelled on the rolled marl road. The event Stewards deliberated and concluded that they would err on the side of caution, not pronounce a penalty, and wait for a competitor to lodge a Protest. Competitors were unsure as to the definition of “cutting a stage” and subsequently no protest was lodged.

For purposes of clarity, here is the incident in question.

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Competitor observed by Marshal (green shirt) and reported to have “cut” the stage route.



Normal route taken by other competitors.

Questions:

1. Based on the pictures above, would the behaviour of the car in the first picture be deemed as “cutting the prescribed route”? As you may note, the competitor appears to gain an advantage by shortening the distance of the Special Stage. Also note: the evidence of previous tyre marks is the same competitors having made the same cut on previous runs through this section of the stage, which was used six times in total.
2. What would the penalty be for such an infraction, if deemed to be an infraction? Our regulations do contain a penalty, which we would like to ensure is in keeping with FIA standards for same.

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Regards,

Stephen Gunter
Chairman