

**FIA WORLD ENDURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**Round 5 – 6 Hours of Mexico**  
**2016 August 31<sup>st</sup> to September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**From** The Stewards of the Meeting  
**To** The Competitor's Representative  
N° 98 – ASTON MARTIN RACING

**POSTED**  
at: 17 h 07 m

**Decision N° 6**

The Stewards, having received a report from the Technical Delegate have considered the following matter, determine a breach of the regulations has been committed by the competitor named below and impose the penalty referred to.

**No** N°98  
**Competitor** ASTON MARTIN RACING  
**Time** After qualifying  
**Facts** During post-qualifying scrutineering, the ride height of the car was measured lower than 55mm.  
**Offence** Breach of Article 10.1.1.b of 2016 LMGTE Am Technical Regulations.  
**Penalty** Exclusion from results of qualifying, Permission is given to start from the back of the grid

**Reason:**

Car 98 was found by the scrutineers to be below the minimum ride height of 55mm on the left and right hand side at the front point of the car, by slightly more than 1mm. At the time of the hearing, the Competitor's Representative stated that the tyre pressure in the rear tyres of the car was less than the 1.5bar specified in the measurement procedure in Art. 10.1.1 of the 2016 Technical Regulations for the category. It was not contested that the pressures in the front tyres were slightly above 1.5bar and the measurement itself was not contested.

The Stewards questioned the Technical delegate in front of the Competitor's Representative, and he stated that the pressures were measured with a calibrated gauge, as stated in his report, and that the pressure in the front tyres was 1.54bar and the pressure in the rear tyres was 1.45bar. The Technical Delegate stated that with the front tyres slightly above the minimum pressure and the rear tyres slightly below the minimum pressure, this would raise the height of the front of the car, which was to the Competitor's advantage. At the time of the measurement, the Competitor's engineer was asked if he wanted the rear pressures raised to a minimum of 1.5bar and he specifically responded "No," waiving this proposal. This was not challenged by the Competitor's Representative in the hearing. As the car was subsequently lifted off its wheels it was not possible to make a valid recheck.

The Stewards therefore determine that although the rear tyres were not at the 1.5bar specified in the regulation, the measurement was made to the Competitor's advantage, and further that the evidence shows that Competitor was given every opportunity to ask for the measurement to be done again with the rear tyres at 1.5bar, but declined the opportunity. Therefore, the Stewards determine that the measurement below 55mm was correct and the car was not in compliance with the regulation and order the penalty referred to.


The competitor was granted a hearing. The Competitor is reminded of his right of Appeal under and in compliance with Art. 4.11.2 b of the Sporting Regulations, Article 15 of the International Sporting Code, and the Judicial and Disciplinary Rules of the FIA.

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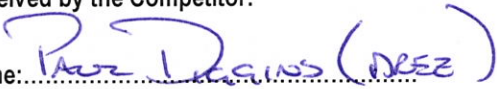
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Time: 17:06 Date: 02 / 09 / 2016

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