

FIA World Endurance Championship
Round 7 - 6 Hours of Fuji
2025 September 25th - 28th

Decision no. 75

From: The Stewards
To: PROTON COMPETITION

Date: 28 September 2025
Time: 21:42

The Stewards, having received a report from the FIA Race Director, having summoned and heard Team manager and driver, have considered the following matter :

N° / Driver: 99 / Nicolas PINO
Competitor: PROTON COMPETITION
Session: Race
Time (fact): 13:00
Fact: Alleged driving in a dangerous manner.
Offence: Alleged breach of Appendix L, chap. IV, art. 2 e) of FIA International Sporting Code
Decision: No further action

Reason:

After reviewing the video evidence, hearing both drivers and team representatives, and checking the available data from the scrutineers and both teams, the Stewards determined that Car 99 was ahead of Car 15 when, upon reaching Turn 8, it suddenly slowed down, forcing Car 15 to leave the track in order to avoid a collision. Car 15 sustained heavy damage and was no longer in a condition to continue.

Following investigations and analysis of the data from Car 99, with the assistance of the Technical Delegates, it was established that, consistent with the driver of Car 99's statement, the car experienced a gearbox problem while the engine was running at high revs. The electronic gearbox system refused the gear change.

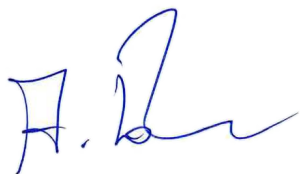
The driver attempted a second gear change under the same conditions, and again the gearbox system refused to engage. As a result, the electronic system cut the fuel injection, which caused a sudden deceleration of Car 99. The data also confirmed that the driver of Car 99 kept the throttle fully applied throughout this period, except during the brief moments when the system cut the fuel injection.

Under these circumstances, the Stewards determined that the deceleration of Car 99 was not intentional and did not result from a deliberate action by the driver. Accordingly, the Stewards decided to take no further action.

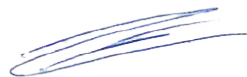
Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits.



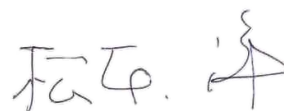
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