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To	The Team Manager, Racing Point Force India F1 Team	Date	06 October 2018
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The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, summoned (document 19) and heard the driver and team representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

No / Driver 31 - Esteban Ocon

Competitor Racing Point Force India F1 Team

Time 12:57

Session Practice 3

Fact Car 31 did not slow sufficiently during a Red Flag period.

Offence Breach of Article 31.6 of the FIA Formula One Sporting Regulations.

Decision Drop of 3 grid positions.
(2 penalty points awarded, 2 points for the 12 month period)

Reason The Stewards reviewed the video evidence, positioning data and telemetry, and heard from the driver of car 31 (Esteban Ocon) and team representative.

The driver informed the Stewards, and the telemetry showed, that he had slowed down for the red flags. However, after Turn 4, he heard some beeps on his radio that suggested that he was too slow and sped up briefly to regularize his speed. In doing so, he briefly exceeded the delta by a maximum of -1.68 over three mini sectors. As a result, he had failed to maintain the speed delta required under the regulations resulting in an infringement.

He acknowledged the infringement and attributed it to the confusion caused by the beeps and the system currently being used by the team in such situations. In the end, given the importance of observance of the speed restrictions while red flags are being shown and recognising the limited extent of the breach, we decided to impose the above penalty.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal the decisions of the Stewards (with the exception of those referred to in Article 12.2.4 of the FIA International Sporting Code), in accordance with Article 15 of the FIA International Sporting Code and Article 9.1.1 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits.

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