



2024 YAS MARINA EVENT 5 to 8 December

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To	The Team Manager, Hitech Pulse-Eight	Date	07 December 2024
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The Stewards, having received a report from the Technical Delegate (Document 47), have considered the following matter and determine the following:

No / Driver 17 - Paul Aron

Competitor Hitech Pulse-Eight

Time 21:30

Session Race 1

Fact The DRS actuator of Car 17 has been modified.

Infringement Breach of Article 1.5.2 of the FIA Formula 2 Technical Regulations.

Decision Disqualification of Car 17 from the Classification of Race 1.
All cars originally classified behind Car 17 are moved up one place in the Race classification.
All lap times set by Car 17 during the Race are cancelled.

In addition to the above, Car 17 is required to start Race 2 from the pit lane.

Reason The Stewards received a report from the Technical Delegate (Document 47). They summoned the driver and team representative (document 49). The driver of Car 17 did not attend the hearing.

The DRS actuator on Car 17 was found to have been modified to extend the length of the piston by 1 millimetre, allowing a wider opening of the DRS wing. Article 1.5.2 of the FIA Formula 2 Championship Technical Regulations states that no parts may be modified in any way whatsoever once supplied to the competitor, except where specifically permitted.

During the hearing, the Team Representative did not deny that the car was non-compliant. He stated that there was a problem with the DRS actuator during Qualifying and the Team therefore changed it to a different one from their spare parts. The Team Representative also claimed not to know why this DRS actuator was modified.

The Technical Delegate pointed out that it is normal procedure for a team, whenever a performance part is changed, to check that the part is up to specification. The Team Representative claimed that this was not done in this case, but does not know why this was not done.

The standard penalty for a technical infringement is disqualification. In this case, however, there is a strong presumption that the team was aware of the non-conformity of the part (or at least should have been, if they had exercised due diligence).

As such an offence can only be committed by a deliberate act to modify the part in question, the Stewards consider that an additional penalty to the disqualification of Car 17 from Race 1 is appropriate. Article 12.4.6 of the FIA International Sporting Code gives the Stewards the authority to impose an additional penalty.

In view of the seriousness and nature of the offence, the Stewards consider it appropriate that in addition to the disqualification from Race 1, Car 17 should start from the pit lane for Race 2.

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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