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The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Session Sprint Qualifying

Fact The cars below exceeded the 1:54.0-time limit between the Safety Car lines.

No	Car	Driver	Competitor	Time of Day	Lap
1	18	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin Aramco F1 Team	15:34:47	L2 (SQ1)
2	22	Yuki Tsunoda	Visa Cash App Racing Bulls F1 Team	15:36:04	L4 (SQ1)
3	81	Oscar Piastri	McLaren Formula 1 Team	15:40:23	L5 (SQ1)
4	18	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin Aramco F1 Team	15:40:32	L5 (SQ1)
5	31	Esteban Ocon	MoneyGram Haas F1 Team	15:41:45	L5 (SQ1)
6	30	Liam Lawson	Oracle Red Bull Racing	15:41:56	L6 (SQ1)
7	81	Oscar Piastri	McLaren Formula 1 Team	16:11:46	L12 (SQ3)
8	12	Andrea Kimi Antonelli	Mercedes-AMG PETRONAS F1 Team	16:11:57	L18 (SQ3)

Infringement Alleged breach of Article 33.4 of the FIA Formula One Sporting Regulations and Article 12.2.1 i) of the FIA International Sporting Code (non-compliance with the Race Director's Event Notes, item 2, document 11)

Decision No further action.

Reasons The Stewards thoroughly reviewed Marshalling/Positioning data, timing data, on-board cameras and CCTV cameras.

The drivers concerned stayed at or above speeds necessary to stay below 1:54.0 around the vast majority of the circuit. However, in all cases the Stewards determined that the drivers took appropriate actions to not impede other drivers, and in where necessary slowed down significantly to allow other drivers to pass while giving those drivers a clear track. The Stewards therefore determine that the drivers concerned did not drive "unnecessarily slowly", and that evidently the reason they were above the maximum time was due to their appropriate actions and take no further action.

Note

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.

Decisions of the Stewards are taken independently of the FIA and are based solely on the relevant regulations, guidelines and evidence presented.

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