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**Subject: Clarification of rules regarding driving on public roads during road sections of a rally in a vehicle that can cause damage to the road surface.**

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Previously the rules may not have been clear, that is, causing damage to the road surface by driving a vehicle that can damage the road surface is not allowed.

A competitor can stop and fix the damage, so that the road surface is not impacted or they can DNF and possibly restart later. However, driving with a vehicle that can cause road surface damage will be cause for exclusion, resulting in a DNF, with no chance of restarting.

### 15.14 DNF

15.14.1 Competitors who:

- Fail to complete a stage or a transit,
- are beyond their maximum lateness,
- have surrendered their timing card to a rally official,
- have missed a control,
- ~~have lost a wheel,~~
- are badly damaged after an off,
- are unable to continue as the registered crew,
- switched duties while on a stage.
- [Is excluded from the event as per CARS NRR 17.2](#)

Shall not compete further in the rally unless they re-start the rally under the provisions of CARS NRR 15.15. Competitors who have not been informed by the organizer(s) that they are beyond

maximum lateness may continue in the rally. (See CARS NRR 15.5.6) Competitors failing to comply with this regulation shall be subject to sanction at the discretion of the Steward(s).

~~15.14.2 On a road section that is a public road, a competition vehicle may only be driven on four freely rotating wheels and tires. Any infringement will result in the competitors being declared DNF, by the organizers, from the stage where the vehicle condition occurred as per CARS NRR 15.15.1.2. In addition, the competitors will be reported to the stewards by the organizers with the recommendation that the stewards impose a further penalty as per CARS GCR 0~~

15.15.2.1 add to conditions for re-starting a rally

e) the crew has not been previously penalized with exclusion from the rally.

Add to 17.2 Penalties

Driving on a public road during a road section, in a manner that causes damage to the road surface.

Including but not limited to;

- Driving on the metal rim of a wheel.
- Driving without a wheel.
- Driving with mechanical parts dragging on the road.

Exclusion