



## Round 13 - New York City ePRIX - 14 July 2019

### Decision 10

---

<b>From:</b>	The Stewards	<b>Document No:</b>	37
<b>To:</b>	The Team Manager	<b>Date:</b>	14 July 2019
		<b>Time (decision):</b>	19:50 h

---

The Stewards having received radio communication and heard from the team representative and the driver and listened to part of the radio communication during Race 1 on Saturday, 13 July 2019.

**N° / Driver:** 25 Jean-Eric Vergne

**Competitor:** DS TECHEETAH

**Time (fact):** 16:09:00 at 13 July 2019

**Session:** Race

**Fact:** Allegedly acting in an unsportive manner

**Offence:** Breach of Appendix B 2018/2019 FIA Formula E Sporting Regulations

**Decision:** The driver is requested to perform 1 day of public service at the direction of the FIA within 6 months of the incident (12.3.1.c FIA ISC)

**Reason:** The Stewards, having listened to team radio communications between the Driver of Car 25, and his Team during Round 12, summoned the Driver of Car 25 and the Team Manager of the Techeetah Formula E Team to conduct an inquiry into a suspected contravention by the Driver of Car 25 of Appendix B of the International Sporting Code of the FIA, the Code of Good Conduct.

The team radio communications in question suggested that the Driver of Car 25 requested his engineer to direct his team mate, the Driver of Car 36, to stop his Car on the circuit to cause the Race Director to call a Safety Car intervention during Round 12.

The Stewards heard from the Driver of Car 25 and his Team Manager. The relevant extracts from the radio communications were played. The Driver of Car 25 acknowledged that he had called his engineer during Round 12 and made the following utterance:

*"Tell Andre to stop ... to bring out the Safety Car"*

Mr Vergne said that these messages were conveyed in the following context: He knew that Car 36 had sustained damage in an incident at Turn 6 on Lap 2 had broken the front wing and had lost time as a result such that it was no longer in contention for a points finish in Round 12.

He held concerns for his safety and that of other Drivers due to debris on track and made the request to his engineer that Car 36 be requested to stop for that reason only.

The Driver of Car 25 said that he recognises that his messages could be misunderstood. He acknowledged, with the benefit of hindsight, the messages were inappropriate, particularly having been made on an open channel which is available to the public via the E-App and which he was aware could be monitored by Race Officials.

The Stewards noted that Car 25's engineer did not respond to the messages from Mr Vergne.

The Stewards accept the explanation of Mr Vergne but it is the obligation of a sportsman at this level to act in a fair and correct manner and as a role model to other drivers at all levels of motorsport.

The Competitor is reminded of his right to appeal in accordance with Article 15 of the FIA International Sporting Code.

Michael Schwägerl  
**FIA Steward (Chairman)**

José Abed  
**FIA Steward**

Dennis Dean  
**ASN Steward**

<b>Received by the Competitor:</b>		
<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Time:</b>