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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 F1 cars below exceeded the 1:28.00 time limit between the Safety Car lines.

No.	Car	Driver	Competitor	Time of Day	Lap Time
1	31	Esteban Ocon	TGR Haas F1 Team	16:33:34	L2 (SQ1)
2	30	Liam Lawson	Oracle Red Bull Racing	16:37:47	L4 (SQ1)
3	41	Arvid Lindblad	Visa Cash App Racing Bulls F1 Team	16:38:29	L5 (SQ1)
4	18	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin Aramco F1 Team	16:39:42	L4 (SQ1)
5	5	Gabriel Bortoleto	Audi Revolut F1 Team	16:39:44	L4 (SQ1)
6	3	Max Verstappen	Oracle Red Bull Racing	16:40:53	L6 (SQ1)
7	30	Liam Lawson	Oracle Red Bull Racing	16:40:56	L6 (SQ1)
8	63	George Russell	Mercedes-AMG PETRONAS F1 Team	16:41:01	L8 (SQ1)
9	12	Kimi Antonelli	Mercedes-AMG PETRONAS F1 Team	16:41:02	L7 (SQ1)
10	55	Carlos Sainz	Atlassian Williams F1 Team	16:41:06	L6 (SQ1)
11	10	Pierre Gasly	BWT Alpine F1 Team	16:41:10	L5 (SQ1)
12	77	Valtteri Bottas	Cadillac Formula 1 Team	16:41:14	L6 (SQ1)
13	18	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin Aramco F1 Team	16:42:49	L6 (SQ1)
14	30	Liam Lawson	Oracle Red Bull Racing	16:57:23	L12 (SQ2)

Infringement Alleged breach of Article B1.8.5 of the FIA F1 Regulations and Article 12.2.1.i of the FIA International Sporting Code (non-compliance with the Race Director's Competition Notes, item 1, document 5).

Decision No further action.

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

All drivers concerned stayed at or above speeds necessary to stay below 1:28.0 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 all cases, they slowed down significantly to allow other drivers to pass while giving those drivers a clear track. The Stewards therefore determine that all drivers

concerned did not drive “unnecessarily slowly”, and that they were above the maximum time because they took appropriate steps, and we therefore 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 5 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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