

## NOTIFICATION OF SANCTION

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**To:** Adrian FERNANDEZ

**No:** 31

**Class:** Moto3™

**Team:** Leopard Racing

**Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026

**Time:** 12.30 UTC +2 hours

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According to Article 3.8 of the FIM Grand Prix World Championship Regulations, we confirm our decision with a hearing.

### **Motive**

At the conclusion of the BREMBO GRAND PRIX OF ITALY 2026, some engines were requested to be surrendered by the team so that they could be examined to determine whether they conformed with the Moto3™ FIM Grand Prix World Championship Regulations.

Once removed, the engines were inspected by the engine manufacturer, to confirm the condition of the seals at the time they were surrendered by the team. During this process, it was observed that both the seals wires and sealing stickers on Engine #811 showed evidence of tampering.

Engine #811 was transported to the subsequent event under the supervision of Technical Control.

On the morning of Wednesday, 3 June 2026, Engine #811 was opened by the engine manufacturer for inspection under the supervision of the Technical Director.

During this procedure, the engine manufacturer identified various anomalies indicating that Engine #811 had been adjusted and therefore opened.

Therefore, based on the Technical Director's findings regarding the seals and the official report from the engine manufacturer, it was found that engine #811 has been opened without authorisation.

This contravenes the Article 2.6.3.3 of the FIM Grand Prix World Championship Regulations, Moto3™ class Engine Durability and Article 3.3.2.2 (any corrupt or fraudulent act, or any action prejudicial to the interests of the meetings or of the sport, carried out by a person or a group of persons occurring during an event).

### **Convocation**

You were summoned to attend a hearing with the FIM MotoGP™ Stewards Panel during the GRAND PRIX OF HUNGARY. You attended the hearing and acknowledged the facts presented.

### **Sanction**

For the above reasons, the FIM MotoGP™ Stewards Panel has imposed a disqualification from the events where engine #811 was in use:

Michelin Grand Prix of France

Monster Energy Grand Prix of Catalunya

### **Explanation**

The Technical Director determined, based on physical inspection, manufacturer evidence and examination of the engine seals, that the integrity of the approved sealing system had been compromised and that the engine had been opened without authorisation. Pursuant to Art. 2.6.3.3.13(c), an engine with damaged, tampered with or missing security seals is deemed to have been rebuilt and must be treated as a new engine in the rider allocation.

In the case of engine A811, the engine was found to have tampered security seals and evidence of unauthorised disassembly and reassembly. Pursuant to Art. 2.6.3.3.13(c), that engine is likewise deemed to have been rebuilt and therefore constitutes a further engine within the rider allocation. In addition, based upon the findings of the manufacturer and reported to the Technical Director, the

engine is unsuitable for further use due to multiple parts being of a condition not fit for competition following obvious reassembly, and has been withdrawn from the rider's allocation on safety grounds.

Consequently, engine A811 has been used as an allocated engine and, following the finding that the approved security sealing system was compromised, is deemed under Art. 2.6.3.3.13(c) to be a rebuilt engine and therefore treated as a new engine in the rider allocation. The rider's engine allocation has been adjusted accordingly

The Technical Director's decision was based solely upon the established fact that the integrity of the approved sealing system was compromised and that the engines were opened without authorisation.

The FIM MotoGP Stewards Panel agree with the application of the Technical Regulations as determined by the Technical Director and the resulting allocation consequences prescribed by Art. 2.6.3.3.13(c).

Article 2.4.5.3 (3) Presentation of a machine (at Technical Control) will be deemed as an implicit statement of conformity with the technical regulations. Responsibility for the preparation of the machine to comply with all technical and safety regulations rests with the team.

**The FIM MotoGP Stewards Panel considers that the unauthorised interference with the approved technical sealing system constitutes an action prejudicial to the interests of the meetings or of the sport within the meaning of Article 3.3.2.2.**

#### **Right of Appeal**

According to articles 3.7.2, 3.7.2.2 and 3.7.2.4 of the FIM Grand Prix World Championship Regulations, you have the right to appeal against this decision of the FIM MotoGP™ Stewards Panel to the FIM Appeal Stewards. A statement of appeal must be made within 60 minutes from the date and time of this notification, and accompanied by a security deposit of €1320. the appeal can be lodged with IRTA who may also arrange for guarantee of the security deposit payment.

Sincerely,

**FIM MotoGP™ Stewards Panel**

**Simon CRAFAR  
Andres SOMOLINOS  
Tamara MATKO**