

2020 PORTUGUESE GRAND PRIX

22 to 25 October

From	The Stewards	Document	19
To	The Team Manager, Aston Martin Red Bull Racing	Date	23 October 2020
		Time	17:46

The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, summoned (documents 13 and 14) and heard from the drivers and team representatives, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

No / Driver 33 - Max Verstappen

Competitor Aston Martin Red Bull Racing

Time 16:05

Session Practice 2

Fact Collision with car 18 in turn 1

Offence Alleged breach of Article 2 d) of Chapter IV Appendix L of the FIA International Sporting Code.

Decision No further action

Reason The Stewards heard from the driver of Car 18 (Lance Stroll), the driver of car 33 (Max Verstappen), team representatives and have reviewed video and audio evidence.

Stroll was on a fast lap and was allowed to pass by Verstappen on the lap preceding the incident. Given the information from his team and usual practice, Verstappen assumed that Stroll would back off for the next lap and moved to overtake along the main straight. However, Stroll was instructed by his team to go for a second flying lap. Stroll assumed that Verstappen would have backed off to gain a gap between them, also in line with usual practice, and so was not looking for the overtaking Verstappen.

The drivers agreed in the hearing that the incident was the result of a misunderstanding between them and that with hindsight, both could have contributed to avoid the incident.

The Stewards therefore find that neither driver was wholly or predominantly at fault and take no further action.

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 Article 10.1.1 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits.

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