



EUROPEAN LE MANS SERIES
4 Hours of Spa-Francorchamps
18th to 23rd August 2026

Decision no. 7

From: The Stewards
To: Michelin - Tyre Supplier

Date: 21 August 2026
Time: 11:54

The Stewards, having received reports from the Technical Delegate (Report n. 3 and n.5), having summoned the Manufacturer's Representative (Summons n. 6) and having heard the Manufacturer's Representatives Mr. Alexandre Cabaud and Ms Ester Alvarez , in presence of the ELMS Technical Delegate Christian Bruhnke, and having considered the following matter, determine that a breach of the regulations has been committed by the event participant named below and impose the penalty referred to

Competitor: Michelin - Tyre Supplier
Session: Before Event
Time (fact): 15th August 2026 at 11:24
Fact: The tyres references declared to the Technical Delegate 48 hours before the event did not have the correct barcode number.
Offence: Breach of Art. 6.5.1 of 2026 ELMS Sporting Regulations
Decision: Fine € 25.000 for Spa event payable as follows:
€ 2500 with immediate and definitive effect
€ 22.500 suspended until the end of the 2026 ELMS season
The suspension shall be revoked for any other declaration infringement by the tyre manufacturer until the end of the 2026 ELMS season.

Reason:

The representative of Michelin sent a first list of tyres eligible on time (15th August at 11:24). During random checks the Technical delegates found 132 duplicate Barcode entries for new tyres. As the RFID system only imports the same Barcode number once, this would have caused the possibility for 66 tyres to be not declared, when the car passes the RFID gate at the pit exit.

After advice from the Technical delegate, the Tyre manufacturer presented an updated declaration list on 19 August at 22:46. In accordance with Art. 1.3.4 2026 ELMS Sporting Regulations, the tyre supplier is considered as a participant of the Competition and undertake himself to the decision of the sporting authorities. The Representative of Michelin, agreed with the reports of the Technical Delegate and explained the mistake. He apologized.

Due to the possibility of a lot of wrong reports in the sessions, the Stewards consider that the tyres were not identifiable at any time during the event as required by Art 6.5.1 of the 2026 ELMS Sporting Regulations.

Therefore a penalty of a fine which is higher than the penalty table in Art. 6.5.8 of 2026 ELMS Sporting Regulations is necessary.

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 (both documents can be found at <https://www.fia.com>).

The fine has to be paid to the LMEM 48 hours as from the present notification:

Beneficiary name : Le Mans Endurance Management

IBAN code : FR 76 3000 4024 0800 0117 0762 858

Swift code : BNPAFRPPXXX

In accordance with Article 12.8 of the FIA International Sporting Code, fines shall be paid within 48 hours of their notification. Any delay in making payment may entail Suspension during the period a fine remains unpaid.



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