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2020 FIA World Rally Championship
Round 6: Rally Italia Sardegna

***Medium-compound MICHELIN LTX Force M6 named as
main choice for Sardinia***

The 2020 FIA World Rally Championship continues its revised calendar with a trip to the port of Alghero for Rally Italia Sardegna. The weather in northwest Sardinia at this time of year promises to be mild but clearly not as hot as it probably would have been for the fixture's traditional June slot when very high temperatures are frequently reached both inside and out of the cars.

Following the switch to October, Michelin's engineers have had to take an alternative approach to the question of tyres. "Rally Italia Sardegna is generally the last WRC round before the summer break," notes **Arnaud Rémy**, manager of Michelin's rally programmes. "This time around, it has been moved to October, so that has led us to nominate the medium-compound MICHELIN LTX Force M6 as the prime choice, with the harder LTX Force H4 also available in smaller numbers. We have gone down the same road for our WRC2 and WRC3 partners by naming the medium MICHELIN Latitude Cross M80, with the harder Latitude Cross H90 on-hand as back-up. This is because of the likelihood of cooler weather and a bigger probability of rain. Just as they did in Turkey recently, our tyres face some rough stages, but this time the crews will be travelling at higher speeds and the ground promises to be more abrasive if the conditions are dry."

As the sixth clash of this year's seven-round world championship (down from the originally-scheduled 14 rallies due to the coronavirus outbreak), the result in Sardinia is sure to have an impact on the chase for the 2020 Manufacturers' and Drivers' titles, so there will plenty at stake.

Like the recent visits to Estonia and Turkey, Rally Italia Sardegna is running to a shorter format for sanitary reasons, with a menu of 16 stages totalling just 238.84 competitive kilometres and an overall distance of 1,199.15km to cover. Unfortunately, spectators will not be allowed either on the stages or in the service park due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The shakedown (3.79km) is scheduled for lunchtime on Thursday, October 8, followed by the first day of action on Friday with six stages (95.25km). Saturday's programme features six stages, too, amounting to a little more than 100km, while the event will finish with four more tests – including the Power Stage (6.89km) – on Sunday.

The MICHELIN LTX Force M6 and MICHELIN LTX Force H4 (WRC runners)

Number of tyres available for Rally Italia Sardegna: **534**

Drivers may use up to 24 tyres (including shakedown) from a total allocation of 24 M6s (medium compound) and 16 H4s (hard compound).



**The MICHELIN LATITUDE Cross M80 and MICHELIN LATITUDE Cross H90
(WRC2 and WRC3)**

Number of tyres available for Rally Italia Sardegna: **288**

Drivers may use up to 22 tyres (including shakedown) from a total allocation of 22 M80s (medium compound) and 16 H90s (hard compound).

Michelin's staff for the 2020 Rally Italia Sardegna

Michelin will have a total staff of 12 in Italy:

- Arnaud Rémy (Rally Programme Manager, Michelin Motorsport)
- 3 team advisors
- 2 coordinators
- 6 fitters

