

TO: The Members of the Road Logistics Institute

CC: The Member Organisations - FIATA

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SUBJECT: ENV Committee adopts a report on the proposed regulation setting CO2 standards for light commercial vehicles

Brussels, 29th of September 2010

Dear Madam/Sir,

The 1st reading at European Parliament on the proposed regulation setting CO₂ emission standards for light commercial vehicles¹ began last spring with the adoption by the ITRE and TRAN Committee of opinions on the Commission's proposal (CLECAT circular 2009/456 and 2010/262)^{2 3}. This week, the Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENV) has adopted a report on the proposal.

The main amendment adopted the ENV Committee are the followings:

- The ENV Committee voted for 2020 emissions limit to 140g CO₂/km (The Commission originally proposed a long-term target of 135g CO₂/km for 2020).
- The ENV Committee supported the Commission's proposal to phase in a 2016 target of 175g/km.
- ENV Members also voted for weaker penalties for manufacturers whose fleet fails to meet the objective. They want manufacturers to pay a fine of €95 per gram of CO₂ per vehicle exceeding the emissions limit by 2019, instead of €120 as proposed by the Commission and in line with penalties agreed for car manufacturers in 2008.
- ENV Members decided to extend the "super credits," which means that vehicles with extremely low emissions will be given additional incentives.

¹ EC proposal: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2009:0593:FIN:EN:PDF>

² TRAN opinion: <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//NONSGML+COMPARL+PE-439.089+02+DOC+PDF+V0//EN&language=EN>

³ ITRE opinion: <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//NONSGML+COMPARL+PE-439.327+02+DOC+PDF+V0//EN&language=EN>

CLECAT, aisbl (n° 0408301209)

The ENV report was passed narrowly with 32 votes in favour, 25 against and one abstention. It will be put to a vote before the plenary at European Parliament in November, after which EU member states will have to come forward with their first Council position on the legislation.

The Secretariat will keep you informed as regards the legislative development of this dossier.

Best regards,

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