

Quality of petrol and diesel fuels

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In accordance with Directive 98/70/EC, the Commission has presented a report on the quality of petrol and diesel fuels used for road transport in the Union for the reference years 2014 and 2015.

The fuel quality monitoring data provided for the years in question make it possible to draw the following conclusions:

- the number of infringements of the specifications for gasoline and diesel fuels under the Fuel Quality Directive is very limited;
- all Member States apply the specifications for fuels according to which road fuels must contain less than 10 ppm of sulphur;
- Member States met their reporting and monitoring obligations better than in the past by improving their fuel quality monitoring systems and which enabled more comprehensive and reliable fuel sampling;
- by 2014, all Member States have provided the required minimum information on the compliance of fuels. The Commission requested further information from the Member States which had not provided the necessary data by 2015;
- non-compliance of fuel put on the market in both years is reported to be rare. When this happens Member States generally indicate taking action to remove non-compliant fuel from sale.
- there is no evidence of any negative repercussions on vehicle emissions or engine functioning due to these instances of non-compliance.