

Air pollution: cold start emission limits for motor vehicles during warming-up (amend. Directive 70/220/EEC)

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PURPOSE : to set cold start emission limits for certain vehicles. **COMMUNITY MEASURE** : Directive 2001/100/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 70/220/EEC on the approximation of the laws of Member States on measures to be taken against air pollution by emissions from motor vehicles. **CONTENT** : The Directive was adopted after approval, without amendment at the second reading, by the European Parliament of the Council's common position. The Directive sets cold start emission limits for certain light commercial vehicles and small vans which are not yet covered by current legislation. In particular: - new types of light commercial vehicles (category N1) of weight class II (greater than 1305 kg up to and including 1760 kg) and weight class III (greater than 1760 kg).; - new types of passenger cars (category M1) designed to carry more than six occupants and passenger cars with a maximum mass greater than 2500 kg. Because of their emission characteristics, vehicles with positive emission engines that run only on gas fuel (LPG or NG) are exempt from the low temperature test. Vehicles where the petrol system is fitted for emergency purposes or starting only and where the petrol tank cannot contain more than 15 litres, are regarded as vehicles that can run only on gaseous fuel. The test at low temperature is restricted to vehicles of category M and N with a maximum mass not exceeding 3500 kg. **DATE OF TRANSPOSITION** : Within nine months of its entry into force. **ENTRY INTO FORCE** : 21/01/02.