

Air pollution: scheme to monitor the average emissions of carbon dioxide CO₂ from new passenger cars

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The Council's common position takes up, in full or in part, and occasionally in principle, eleven of the European Parliament's amendments. These include the obligation for Member States to calculate data by each manufacturer as well as for all manufacturers, and that the annual report from the Commission shall be submitted to the European Parliament, as well as to the Council. Further categories have been added to the different parameters to be monitored so as to increase the precision of the exercise and consequently make it possible to draw more precise conclusions from the analysis. Apart from streamlining definitions, improving the consistency of references to relevant Community legislation and introducing various cross-references between Art. 4 and Annex III, the following changes were made to the proposal by the Council:

- the addition of the category of alternatively powered vehicles to the scope of the Decision, as this category of vehicles was considered to be of increasing performance on the passenger car market and with respect to CO₂ emissions;
- the scheme would only apply to passenger cars being registered in the Community for the first time;
- the clarification of the respective tasks of the Member States and Commission and limit the transmission of information on the quality of data to what is really necessary for an effective functioning of the scheme;
- the various dates mentioned in the proposal have been modified with the main objective to ensure that the corresponding provisions could actually be implemented given the probable date of entry into force of this Decision.