

Air pollution: emissions from small park ignition engines, non-road mobile machinery

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The amendments accepted by the Commission relate in particular to: - making the definition of "placing on the market" more clear. It is not changing anything in substance; - introducing the possibility for Member States to use labelling and economic incentives; - requiring the Member States to transpose the Directive within 18 months instead of a certain date, which does not change anything of importance. - requiring the Commission to study if there is further need for legislation in this field. - moving implementation dates of stage II slightly forward. - moving the alternative ways for type certification from article 7 to a new annex. - giving the mandate to the Commission, by using the Committee on Adaptation to Technical Progress, to exempt certain products that for technical reasons can not meet the stage II standards. On the other hand, amendments not accepted by the Commission include those: - about the average and banking system · deleting it from the proposal. Although rejecting the amendments the Commission has expressed its willingness to accept solutions to the average and banking system that gives the intended flexibility, world-wide alignment and environmental benefits. - which exempt a large number of two-stroke engines indefinitely from the scope of the Directive - not only from stage II. This will totally undermine the environmental benefits of the proposal.