Air pollution: emissions from motor vehicles, Auto-oil programme (amend. Directive 70/220 /EEC)

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Of the 67 amendments proposed by Parliament the Commission has accepted four in their entirety and six in part. The amendments concern in particular: - measures favouring the use of alternative technologies, faster fleet renewal and retrofitting of older vehicles; - the APHEA study on pollution effects on health; - requirements with regard to OBD systems; - the extension of the Type II emission test to petrol cars with a mass less than 3.5 tonnes; - requirements with regard to in-use compliance testing; - evaporative emissions measurement. The Commission did not however accept amendments dealing with the following aspects: - the replacement of the 'indicative limit values' proposed by the Commission for 2005 by stricter and mandatory values; - a tightening of the limit values applicable for 2000 for tailpipe emissions, a tightening of OBD thresholds, an extension of durability requirements from 80 000 km to 160 000 km, the earlier implementation (in 2000 instead of 2002) of low temperature emission requirements and the earlier implementation (2000 instead of 2005) of OBD requirements for diesel vehicles; - a change in method for the introduction of the control of conformity of production of in-use vehicles and the introduction of OBD requirements; - an extension of low temperature testing to light commercial vehicles; - a liberalisation of the framework for emission based fiscal incentives granted by Member States to promote an earlier introduction of low emission vehicles.