Air pollution: emissions from motor vehicles, onboard diagnostic systems OBD (amend. Directive 70/220/EEC)

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The Commission notes that the Council has agreed with the Commission that new vehicle types equipped with positive-ignition engines fuelled only with either LPG or NG or capable of switching between using petrol and either LPG or NG should be given additional time to comply with OBD requirements for the purposes of type-approval and should therefore be given a limited derogation against having to meet the OBD requirements of Directive 98/69/EC. This will allow these vehicles that have demonstrated a good environmental performance to obtain type-approval and also allow time for the Commission to propose appropriate OBD requirements specific to vehicles that use LPG or NG fuels. In relation to the Council's agreement on the existing types of vehicle categories, the Commission states that it can accept the change of date to two years earlier than it initially proposed. Finally, the Commission is of the opinion that it is clear that a derogation is needed for these types of vehicles and specific OBD requirements need to be defined in good time allowing sufficient development and engineering lead-time for the industry to comply.