End-of-life vehicles. ELV Directive

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The Parliament voted to endorse the Resolution, drafted by Karl-Heinz FLORENZ (D, EPP) on Commission proposals to ensure that car manufacturers use recyclable materials. The Parliament adopted an amendment whereby the Directive would cover, irrespective of how the vehicle has been services or repaired during use and irrespective of whether it is equipped with components supplied by the producer or with other components whose fitting as a spare or replacement parts accords with the appropriate Community provisions or domestic provisions. Member States would also have to ensure that materials and compon,ents in vehicles receiving type approval after 1 January 2005 and spare and replacement parts placed on the market after 1 January 2005 do not contain any cadmium and that they contain lead, mercury and hexavalent chromium only in the areas listed in Annex Ia and within the limits stated there. The areas and limits stated in Annex Ia shall be reduced by the Commission, using the procedure laid down in Art. 12, at least once every 2 years after the entry into force of this Directive in accordance with scientific procedure. Among the other amendments is one designed to bring forward from 2015 to 2005 the date by which manufacturers will be required to increase the reusable proportion of a vehicle to 95% of the weight. A further amendment would bring forward the rules banning the disposal of dangerous substances in landfill sites from 2003 to 2001. Component producers would have to make available to authorized recovery facilities the requisite information concerning dismantling, storage and testing of components. Another amendment that was passed secures an exemption for vintage cars.