

# **Consumers and environment: availability of information on fuel economy of new passenger cars**

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In adopting the report of Ms. Marie-Paule KESTILIJN-SIERENS (ELDR, B) on a proposal for a Directive relating to the availability of consumer information on fuel economy in respect of the marketing of new passenger cars, the Parliament adopted a series of amendments aimed at : - guaranteeing that specific information on CO<sub>2</sub> emissions would be made available; - developing a fuel economy label for all new passenger cars, vehicles registered for the day, as well as new cars that may not be resold within one year. This should be displayed at the point of sale; - dispensing with the obligation to provide information concerning the cost of fuel consumption (as this could encourage the use of diesel); - simplifying the data concerning fuel consumption by making a distinction between journeys in and outside urban areas; - reminding the consumer that certain additional equipment, such as air conditioning and pre-heating systems, can give rise to substantially higher fuel consumption.