

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

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OBJECTIVE : To provide potential purchasers of new cars with the relevant information on fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions in an effort to guide their choice to more fuel-efficient models.

COMMUNITY MEASURE : Directive 1999/94/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council relating to the availability of consumer information on fuel economy and CO₂ emissions in respect of the marketing of new passenger cars. **SUBSTANCE :** This measure forms part of the Community's strategy to reduce greenhouse gases in accordance with its international obligations. It provides that: - a label on fuel economy and CO₂ emissions must be displayed near each new passenger car model at the point of sale; - a free guide on fuel economy must be available to consumers both at the point of sale and also from a designated body within each Member State; - for each make of car, a poster in a prescribed form shall be exhibited with a list of the official fuel consumption data and the official specific CO₂ emissions data of all new passenger car models at the point of sale; - All promotional literature must contain the official fuel consumption and the official specific CO₂ emission data of the passenger car models to which it refers; other promotional material will contain this information on the specific car model to which it refers. Information on labels, etc on fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions, which does not conform to the requirements of the Directive, is prohibited. - Information on the ten most economic cars will also be provided, to be ranked in order of increasing specific Co₂ emissions for each fuel type; - On the first review of the Directive, the Commission will consider enlarging the scope to used cars; **ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 18/01/2001.