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CO2 emissions for cars and vans: Revision of performance standards

Road transport has a key role to play in reaching the goals set in the European Green Deal. One of the key policies for reducing emissions from this sector is the EU legislation on CO2 emission standards for cars and vans. This initiative will revise these standards, to ensure a clear pathway from 2025 towards zero-emission transport. This roadmap is open until 26 November 2020. Feedback will be taken into account for further development and fine tuning of the initiative. The Commission will summarise the input received in a synopsis report explaining how the input will be taken on board: https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12655-Revision-of-the-CO2-emission-standards-for-cars-and-vans-/addFeedback?p_id=11859177

Making the Transition to Zero-Emission Mobility: 2020 progress report

The 2020 edition of ACEA's 'Making the Transition to Zero-Emission Mobility' report tracks progress made on the key 'enabling factors' for a stronger market uptake of alternatively-powered cars and vans in the European Union. The entire report is available via the following link: <https://www.acea.be/publications/article/making-the-transition-to-zero-emission-mobility-2020-progress-report>

EU taxonomy for sustainable activities

In March 2018, the European Commission put forward an action plan on financing sustainable growth. In order to communicate its work on the action plan, including on the EU taxonomy, the Commission established a Technical Expert Group (TEG) on sustainable finance in July 2018. Within the framework of the Taxonomy Regulation, the TEG has been asked to develop recommendations for technical screening criteria for economic activities that can make a substantial contribution to climate change mitigation or adaptation, while avoiding significant harm to the four other environmental objectives: sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources, transition to a circular economy, pollution prevention control, and protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems.

The Taxonomy Regulation tasks the Commission with establishing the actual list of environmentally sustainable activities by defining technical screening criteria for each environmental objective. These criteria will be established through delegated acts. The TEG's recommendations are designed to support the European Commission in the development of the delegated act on climate change mitigation and climate change adaptation under the Taxonomy Regulation. The Commission services are currently preparing the delegated act, taking into account the requirements of the Taxonomy Regulation and the stakeholder feedback received on the TEG reports and on the inception impact assessment. The delegated act will be

accompanied by an impact assessment and will be subject to stakeholder feedback for a period of four weeks. The taxonomy for climate change mitigation and climate change adaptation should be established by the end of 2020, in order to ensure its full application by end of 2021. For the four other environmental objectives, the taxonomy should be established by the end of 2021 and will apply by the end of 2022: https://ec.europa.eu/info/business-economy-euro/banking-and-finance/sustainable-finance/eu-taxonomy-sustainable-activities_en

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