

Here is my contribution for the consultation over CO<sub>2</sub>-emission from cars which is ending on the 15th of July (2007). I hope it will be taken into account because after 20 minutes of search I still have not found the right place to answer in the internet site of the Commission. The only information I found was in the press release. This is an abnormal situation : a consultation which can not be answered is not a consultation...

I am strongly disappointed by the lack of determination of the commission on the matter of CO<sub>2</sub>-emission reduction for cars. The car industry is failing to achieve the goals scheduled in the voluntary agreements. In consequence, the initial target of 120 gCO<sub>2</sub>/km for 2012 has already been changed : the fact that 120 gCO<sub>2</sub>/km can now be achieved with complementary measures is an enormous step back. The target is in fact no more 120gCO<sub>2</sub>/km but 130 gCO<sub>2</sub>/km.

A new calling into question of the objective would be a shame. The car industry says it does not have enough time to adapt its products but it had plenty of time before. It is maybe difficult to make up for lost time now but we still have the opportunity to do it.

If the car industry is not able to achieve the goal of 130gCO<sub>2</sub>/km by itself , it is then necessary to create a scheme in order to compel it to do so. The goal in itself is absolutely not unachievable. The problem is that all consumers will not choose naturally low-CO<sub>2</sub>-emission cars and manufacturers will only offer them what they want.

An emission-trade scheme between manufacturers could be put in place. This system could be open (manufacturers are allowed to buy permits from other than car industry members) or closed. According the fact that the initial aim has been strongly weakened (by the reduction from 120 gCO<sub>2</sub> to 130 gCO<sub>2</sub>), I think that the second solution should be choosed even if it is not economically the natural choice.

In the next years and decades, CO<sub>2</sub>-emissions from transport is going to be an enormous problem. A closed system would be a solution in order to send a real signal to consumers and manufacturers : transport is a problem in itself (and in particular road transport) which must be faced and the solution is not in other sectors reductions. It is no more possible to let things going their natural way, we have to change our habits very quickly or we will have to pay much more later to make up for lost time.

This would be a strong political signal but is the Commission ready for such strong decisions ? The organization in the last minute of a public hearing and of a consultation which cannot be found on the internet site should be a subject a subject of worry...

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