

Commission statement for a Regulation on CO₂ cars and vans

The European Commission is committed to a technologically neutral climate regulation in particular with respect to the regulation of CO₂ emission standards for cars and light duty vehicles. The Commission acknowledges and confirms the decision of the European Parliament and the Council to include recital 11 in the agreed compromise text of the revision of the Regulation setting CO₂ emission performance standards for new cars and vans. The Commission will take this recital as a starting point for respective legislative initiatives.

As a first step, immediately upon the adoption of the Regulation by the European Parliament and by the Council, the Commission submits an Implementing Regulation for type approvals of these vehicles, thereby setting up a robust and evasion-proof type approval process for vehicles that are fuelled exclusively, in a permanent manner, with RFNBOs. The Commission will work for swift proceedings within the Technical Committee on Motor Vehicles (TCMV) and devote itself within the legal framework to a successful finalisation of the decision process.

The Commission also will work without delay on the further implementation of recital 11. Following the consultation of stakeholders, the Commission also will propose in line with the legal empowerment in autumn 2023, a Delegated Act specifying how E-Fuels-only vehicles would contribute to the CO₂ emission reduction targets, in relation to the regulation of CO₂ emission standards for cars and light duty vehicles. In the case the co-legislators reject the proposal, the Commission will follow another legislative path such as a revision of the CO₂-regulation to at least implement the legal content of the Delegated Act.