

**Priority question for written answer
to the Commission**

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Subject: Revision of the CO₂ emission standards for cars and vans

Yesterday, 7th July, the European Commission opened a public consultation on the revision of Regulation (EU) 2019/631 concerning CO₂ standards for cars and vans. The published document raises serious concerns, as several elements appear insufficient to support the automotive sector, which is facing a profound crisis.

A key concern is the indicative timeline, as the proposal is expected in Q2 2026, despite earlier EC commitments to bring the revision forward by the end of 2025. The previously adopted amendment, granting a three-year flexibility period for manufacturers, should have been only a temporary relief, not a structural solution to a regulatory framework that remains highly ideological.

Another major issue is the narrow interpretation of technological neutrality, which focuses solely on e-fuels while neglecting other renewable fuels, undermining the principle set out in recital 11 of the Regulation.

Additionally, the Regulation of heavy-duty vehicles sets even more unrealistic targets, whose revision is scheduled for 2027. This treatment disparity risks penalising an industry already under pressure where targeted measures are needed.

Does the Commission intend to bring forward the revision to the end of 2025, as previously anticipated, and align the revision timeline for heavy-duty vehicles with that of light-duty vehicles?

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