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AECC WELCOMES THE EURO 7 EMISSION STANDARDS PROPOSAL FOR CARS, VANS, LORRIES AND BUSES

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The Association for Emissions Control by Catalyst (AECC), welcomes the proposal 'COM(2022)586 final' for the Euro 7 emission standards for cars, vans, lorries and buses that was adopted by the European Commission. We would like to acknowledge the preparatory work conducted by the European Commission and its consultants, also reflecting stakeholder input.

The new emission legislation should be discussed by the co-legislators and should be prioritised during the following months to have a final act agreed upon as soon as possible. It would be regrettable if the delays in the adoption process would lead to delays in implementing the new standards and its contribution to air quality improvements (COM(2022) 542 final proposal). AECC urges the co-legislators to conclude negotiations well before the next EU elections, giving industry sufficient lead time to design, develop and implement the new layouts and technologies required to be compliant.

As advanced combustion engines within various forms of hybrid light- and heavy-duty vehicles are predicted to dominate the European powertrain mix beyond the next decade, the Euro 7 Regulation is a key framework to ensure truly clean vehicles on European roads.

AECC has run rigorous technical programmes demonstrating how internal combustion engine vehicles can achieve zero-impact pollutant emissions in real-world driving. The emissions test data obtained over a wide range of driving conditions shows that cost-effective technologies are available to further reduce emissions for both light- and heavy-duty vehicles.

From an initial analysis, it seems the Commission has taken a cautious approach with respect to possible innovation for light-duty vehicles, deviating from the outcome of the impact assessment. In the following weeks, AECC will analyse the combination of limits and test conditions to verify the ambition of Euro 7 for light- and heavy-duty vehicles. We look forward to supporting the European Commission and co-legislators during the next steps of the process towards a swift Euro 7 adoption, including the development of implementing regulation, with robust science-based data.

AECC remains committed to contributing to the development of sound legislation to improve air quality and to maintaining the global competitiveness of the European automotive industry through application of cost-effective and best available emission control technologies.

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