



AECDR welcomes rejection of stricter Euro 7 standards by EU member states

The Alliance of European Car Dealers (AECDR) welcomes the agreement of the EU member states on a general approach regarding Euro 7 standards.

The existing Euro 6 test conditions and emission limits for passenger cars and vans shall thus remain unchanged. For buses and heavy commercial vehicles there shall be lower emission limits and slightly adjusted test conditions compared to Euro 6/VI.

The European Council also aligns the limits for particle emissions from brakes and tire wear with the international standards of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe. Extended transition periods are intended to make it easier to realistically implement the standards.

“This agreement is a good signal for individual and sustainable mobility. With its objectives, the European Council has found a good balance between the still very high standards of environmental and health protection on the one hand and the affordability of individual mobility in new vehicles on the other hand”, says AECDR President Gerardo Pérez.

However, AECDR criticizes the council decision on the subject of e-fuels. “Measuring the emission values at the exhaust alone is unrealistic with e-fuels, because the CO₂ savings are already upstream in the production of the fuel. Improvements should be made in the legislative process in order to further strengthen openness to technology, innovation and climate protection,” according to AECDR President Gerardo Pérez.

AECDR sees this as a missed opportunity to further promote climate protection through technological openness and innovation. Significant improvements still need to be made in the further legislative process. On 10 October, the European Parliament will vote on its negotiating position in order to enter trilogue negotiations with the Council.