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The voice of European vehicle dealers and repairers

Mr Thierry Breton

**Commissioner for the Internal
Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship
and SMEs**

European Commission

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Dear Mr Breton,

On 18 June 2020, ACEA wrote to you regarding the postponement of the application dates of several EU pollutant emission and safety standards, as well as flexibilities on the so-called end of series (EoS) provisions for vehicles in stock that manufacturers were not able to sell before the entry into force of the Euro 6d-TEMP step on 31 August 2020 due to the interruptions in economic activity caused by COVID-19.

First, we would like to thank you for supporting the automotive industry in this matter. With your guidance, many Member States were able to introduce flexibilities at national level for those Euro 6-TEMP vehicles, giving at least some relief for importers and sales outlets.

It is very unfortunate that the COVID-19 situation has worsened lately, and many Member States are or will soon be in lockdown again. Dealerships are again either closed or selling very few vehicles. As a result, dealers continue to sit on stocks of vehicles that meet the current emission standards but not the new Euro 6d ISC-FCM standards for passenger cars and light vans that will enter into force on 1 January 2021. According to our estimates, the number of concerned vehicles far exceeds the numerical limits for end-of-series provisions set in the type-approval framework Regulation EU 2018/858.

We therefore again see a need for Member States to put in place additional end-of-series flexibilities, just as they did this summer. While some Member States have begun to take such measures, others are alleging they cannot do so without formal written assurance from the Commission that the need for such measures can be devolved to the Member States and any steps taken at national level will not result in infringement proceedings.



On behalf of ACEA, CECRA and the automotive industry associations of all Member States, we therefore jointly ask your services to provide such written assurances to Member States, if possible by the upcoming meeting of the DG GROWTH (auto-unit) Technical Committee Motor Vehicles (TCMV) on 25 November 2020.

We are sure that you are completely aware of how badly our sector is affected by the continued COVID-19 crisis. We have seen helpful measures adopted by the Commission in similar situations for producers of non-road mobile machinery and 2-3 wheelers and we hope you will also take the necessary measures to ensure that the automotive ecosystem in Europe can survive, recover and prosper.

We hope you will consider our request favorably and look forward to your reply.

Considering the importance of the matter and the need to obtain legal certainty rapidly, we jointly remain at your disposal to discuss this in more detail with you personally or your services at your convenience.

Kind regards,



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