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## 1. **Adoption of the agenda**

The Council adopted the agenda set out in 10123/18.

## 2. **Approval of "A" items**

### a) **Non-legislative list**

10231/18

The Council adopted the "A" items listed in 10231/18 including COR and REV documents presented for adoption. Statements related to these items are set out in the Addendum.

### b) **Legislative list** (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

10232/18

## **Environment**

### 1. **Regulation on monitoring and reporting of CO2 emissions for heavy duty vehicles** 10062/18 + ADD 1 PE-CONS 20/18

*Adoption of the legislative act*

approved by Coreper, Part 1, on 20.06.2018

CLIMA

The Council approved the European Parliament's position at first reading and the proposed act has been adopted, pursuant to Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. (Legal basis: Article 192(1) TFEU).

The Commission made statements which are set out in the Annex.

## **Legislative deliberations**

### **(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)**

### 3. **Directive on Drinking Water (recast)**



8924/18 + COR 1  
5846/18 + ADD 1

*Policy debate*

The Council held a policy debate on the two following issues, identified by the Presidency in 8924/18 + COR 1 as requiring political guidance on the way forward: the harmonisation of standards for materials in contact with drinking water, and improving access to water.

## Non-legislative activities

The Council addressed the following non-legislative discussion item (4)

4. Conclusions on delivering on the EU Action Plan for the  
Circular Economy  
*Adoption*

10221/18  
5477/18 + ADD 1  
5478/18  
5479/18

## Legislative deliberations

**(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)**

5. **Regulation on CO<sub>2</sub> standards for cars and vans (recast)**  
*Policy debate*



9728/18  
14217/17 + ADD 1  
14217/1/17 REV 1  
+ ADD 1 REV 1

The Council held a policy debate on the Commission's proposal on setting new CO<sub>2</sub> standards for cars and vans on the basis of the questions set out in 9728/18.

## Any other business

6. a) **Current legislative proposals**  
(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of  
the Treaty on European Union)



- i) **Regulation on LIFE**

9651/18 + ADD 1

- ii) **Regulation on water reuse**

9498/18 + ADD 1

- iii) **Regulation on single use plastics**

9465/18 + ADD 1  
+ COR 1


- iv) **Regulation on the alignment of environmental  
reporting obligations**

9617/18

*Information from the Commission*

The Council took note of the information provided by the Commission on the above recent legislative proposals, on which work will continue in the next months, and of delegations' interventions.

The Council addressed the following "any other business" items (6.b)-e))

- b) EU pollinators initiative 9744/18  
*Information from the Commission*
- c) Beyond 2020 - a new global deal on chemicals and waste 10104/18  
*Information from the Swedish delegation, supported by the Luxembourg delegation*
- d) Achieving ambitious results at COP 15 of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in 2020 10120/18  
*Information from the French delegation, supported by the Luxembourg delegation*
- e) Work programme of the incoming Presidency 10297/18  
*Information from the Austrian delegation*
- f) **Current legislative proposal**   
(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

**Regulation on CO<sub>2</sub> standards for heavy-duty vehicles** 8922/18 + ADD 1  
*Information from the Commission*

The Council took note of the presentation by the Commission of its legislative proposal on setting CO<sub>2</sub> standards for heavy-duty vehicles and comments from the Swedish and Luxembourg delegations.

- g) **Reports on main recent international meetings**
- i) **EU for Talanoa (Brussels, 13 June 2018)** 9944/18
- ii) **Ministerial on Climate Action (MoCA) (Brussels, 20-21 June 2018)** 9944/18  
*Information from the Commission*
- iii) **Ninth Petersberg Climate Dialogue (Berlin, 17-19 June 2018)** 9944/18  
10144/18  
*Information from the Commission, German and Polish delegations*

The Council took note of the information provided by the Commission, German and Polish delegations, as well as of the interventions from other Member States. At the request of delegations this item was examined in public session.

The Council addressed the following "any other business" item (6.h))

- h) Inclusion of Paris Agreement compliance as an essential element of EU agreements and enforceability of sustainable development provisions of trade agreements through the dispute settlement mechanism  
*Information from the French delegation*

9837/18



First reading



Item based on a Commission proposal

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Statements to the legislative "A" item set out in 10232/18

**Ad "A" item 1:**      **Regulation on monitoring and reporting of CO2 emissions for heavy duty vehicles**  
*Adoption of the legislative act*

**STATEMENTS BY THE COMMISSION**

Proposal on HDV CO2 standards

"As announced on the 8 November 2017 in the Communication "Delivering on low-emission mobility - A European Union that protects the planet, empowers its consumers and defends its industry and workers" (COM(2017) 675 final), the Commission intends to present the third mobility package in the first half of May 2018, including a proposal setting carbon dioxide emissions standards for lorries."

Calendar of the development of VECTO/Certification Regulation

"The Commission is pursuing the technical development of the Vehicle Energy Consumption Calculation Tool (VECTO) with a view of including new known technologies as of 2020 and other types of vehicles, i.e. remaining lorries, buses and coaches as of 2020 and trailers as of 2021.

Further information on the development of the VECTO tool as well as the amendment to Regulation (EU) 2017/2400 will be published on the relevant Commission websites to ensure that stakeholders and economic operators are regularly informed."

Development of an on road verification test under the Certification Regulation

"The Commission acknowledges the importance of having robust and representative data on CO2 emissions from and fuel consumption of heavy-duty vehicles.

Regulation (EU) 2017/2400 is therefore intended to be complemented by a procedure for verifying and ensuring the conformity of the VECTO operation as well as of the CO2 and fuel consumption related properties of the relevant components, separate technical units and systems. That verification procedure, which should include on-the-road testing of heavy-duty vehicles in production, is planned to be voted in the Technical Committee Motor Vehicles before the end of 2018.

The verification procedure is also intended to form the basis for a future test for verifying the in-service performance of vehicles by manufacturers and type approval authorities, or by independent third parties."