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| From:    | General Secretariat of the Council   |
| To:      | Permanent Representatives Committee/Council  |
| Subject: | Roadworthiness package<br>a) Directive on periodic roadworthiness tests (amending Directive 2014/45/EU) and on technical roadside inspection (amending Directive 2014/47/EU)<br>b) Directive on vehicle registration documents and vehicle registration data (repealing Directive 1999/37/EC)<br>- Presentation by the Commission<br>- Exchange of views |

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On 24 April 2025, the European Commission presented two legislative proposals to revise the 2014 Roadworthiness Package consisting of three directives: Directive on periodic roadworthiness tests for motor vehicles and their trailers (PTI), Directive on the technical roadside inspection of the roadworthiness of commercial vehicles (RSI) and Directive on the registration documents for vehicles (VRD).

The Polish Presidency was pleased to initiate the discussion in the Council of the EU on these important legislative proposals, and is convinced that, in the course of further work, the Council will be able to take these proposals forward constructively to achieve much-needed reforms in the near future. The new rules aim to update the technical testing methods to ensure the safety of vehicles and their users, thus increasing road safety. Additionally, they aim to introduce new emission testing methods to reduce air pollution.

As safety is a key topic of the Polish Presidency, the discussion at the Transport Council should focus on effectively strengthening the road users' safety, based on the proposed amendments to the Roadworthiness Package. In this context, a particular attention should be paid to technological advancements in the automotive sector, including electric vehicles and Advanced Driver Assistance Systems, which use various types of technologies and sensors to improve safety, comfort, and convenience while driving. At the same time, efforts should be made to reduce associated burdens, in particular for road transport operators of commercial vehicles.

In addition, the legislative proposal on registration documents aligns with the EU's policy on safe and sustainable mobility, combining the safety of vehicles and road users with progressive digitalisation. This can be found in the proposed changes to vehicle registration certificates and certificates on roadworthiness tests, to cross-border exchange of data or to the recognition of periodic technical inspections, and last but not least in the important aspect of access to vehicle technical data for vehicle inspection centres.

The updated roadworthiness procedures, the digitisation of vehicle registers and certificates of roadworthiness, and the access to vehicle data are elements that, when taken together, provide a firm basis for the reform and will contribute to increasing road safety. It is essential to keep the safety of both people and technology at the forefront of the debate.

In the interest of understanding the expectations of the stakeholders, citizens and consumers concerning the review of the Roadworthiness Package, it would be beneficial for the authorities responsible for implementation and enforcement of the updated rules to identify the practical benefits resulting from adapting testing methods to new technologies and from improving access to national registers, vehicle data, or data on used vehicles. The authorities should thereby keep in mind that the proposed measures not only aim at reducing road fatalities, but also to improve the quality of life of Europeans in terms of health and environmental aspects.

### **Proposed questions:**

In this context, the Polish Presidency invites Member States to hold an exchange of views on the basis of the following guiding questions:

1. What are Member States' views on the proposed new rules on roadworthiness testing and inspection as well as vehicle registration from the perspective of their implementation?
  2. What economic, social and environmental benefits can Member States expect from the implementation of the updated rules on roadworthiness testing, inspection and vehicle registration?
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