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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1242 as regards the calculation of emission credits for heavy-duty vehicles for the reporting periods of the years 2025 to 2029 **(first reading)**  
- Adoption of the legislative act  
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#### **Malta has requested that the following statement be entered in the Council minutes**

Malta wishes to underline the structural constraints characterising its heavy-duty vehicle market. As a very small market, fully dependent on imports and operating exclusively with right-hand-drive vehicles, Malta faces limited capacity to influence supply chains or to benefit from economies of scale.

In this context, whilst understanding the need to introduce targeted flexibility for manufacturers, Malta encourages close monitoring of the availability of zero-emission heavy-duty vehicles across all Member States and reiterates the importance of exploring complementary demand-side support measures, in order to facilitate uptake where economies of scale remain limited. Such support would help ensure that the benefits of the transition are distributed equitably and that no Member State is left behind.

Malta remains fully committed to the Union's climate objectives and stands ready to continue working constructively with the Commission and other partners to ensure that the transition to zero-emission mobility is both ambitious and inclusive.

**Slovakia has requested that the following statement be entered in the Council minutes**

The Slovak Republic supports the adoption of the targeted revision of Regulation (EU) 2019/1242 and recommends its swift adoption without further amendments.

At the same time, it underlines, where appropriate, the need to consider an earlier comprehensive review of the CO<sub>2</sub> emission performance standards for heavy-duty vehicles, ahead of the currently envisaged 2027 timeline.

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