



Dear Commissioner Janez Potočnik,

DEAR JANEZ

I have received important information that already today it seems clear that Euro 6 norms for passenger cars and light duty vehicles will not deliver the NO<sub>x</sub> emission reductions set out in the regulation. This seriously jeopardizes the possibility for Denmark and many other Member States to meet the limit value of nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) under the Ambient Air Quality Directive (2008/50/EC), since the low NO<sub>x</sub> levels of Euro 6 is a key measure in the reduction of emissions for complying with the Directive. It will also make it difficult to meet the emission targets we just have agreed for 2020 in the revised Gothenburg Protocol.

We therefore need to change the Commission Regulation on type approval of motor vehicles with respect to emissions from light passenger and commercial vehicles (Euro 5 and Euro 6) and on access to vehicle repair and maintenance information as soon as possible. I am aware of the work being carried out in some Commission working groups on real driving emissions, random test cycles etc., but we need the Commission to come forward with an additional proposal and it needs to be ambitious.

I have learned that European car-makers are in fact able to match the Euro 6 NO<sub>x</sub> emissions limits for the American market. Thus, there seems to be no technical barriers for achieving the same reductions in vehicles on the European market.

The car-industry has already made a great effort to develop new technologies that emit fewer pollutants and have a better fuel efficiency. This has contributed to a competitive European car industry and it seems that it would be advantageous for the industry to be positive contributors to the quality of life for citizens.

I understand that given the current timeline, a Commission proposal on an approval system which insures real deliverance of NO<sub>2</sub> reductions will not take effect until 2018 at the earliest. These failures of the Euro standards for diesel vehicles to deliver on this have been a problem for more than 10 years, and it is unacceptable to wait an additional six years. I therefore urge the Commission to act upon this critical situation as soon as possible.

I look forward to hearing about your plans to solve this problematic issue and for your information I have sent a similar letter to Commissioner Antonio Tajani.

Yours sincerely

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