

STATEMENT BY THE COMMISSION
[ACCOMPANYING THE ADOPTION OF A REGULATION ON CO₂/CARS]

The Commission confirms that in 2009 it intends to propose a revision of Directive 1999/94/EC relating to the availability of consumer information on fuel economy and CO₂ emissions in respect of the marketing of new passenger cars. This is to ensure that consumers receive appropriate information about the CO₂ emissions of new passenger cars.

The Commission will by 2010 review Directive 2007/46/EC so that the presence of innovative technologies (“eco-innovations”) in a vehicle and their impact on the vehicle's specific emissions of CO₂ can be communicated to the Member State authorities responsible for monitoring and reporting in accordance with the Regulation.

The Commission will also consider preparing and implementing requirements for cars to be fitted with fuel economy meters as a means to encourage more fuel-efficient driving. In this context, the Commission will consider modifying the framework type approval legislation and adopting the necessary technical standards by 2010.

The Commission is, however, committed to the aims of its Better Regulation initiative and the need for proposals to be underpinned by a comprehensive assessment of the impacts and benefits. In this regard and in accordance with the Treaty establishing the European Community, the Commission will continue to evaluate the need to bring forward new legislative proposals but reserves its right to decide if and when it would be appropriate to present any such proposal.