

**Question for written answer E-007297/2011  
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: Regulation (EC) No 661/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009

Regulation (EC) No 661/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning type-approval requirements for the general safety of motor vehicles, their trailers and systems, components and separate technical units intended therefor (Text with EEA relevance) was adopted on 13 July 2009.

That regulation does not set TPMS (tyre pressure monitoring system) performance requirements, but authorises the Commission to do so, proposing that international standards such as those established by the UNECE regulations for motor vehicles should be used, but not making this compulsory.

The Commission submitted a proposal (a draft of which was published on 25 January 2010 and the final version of which is not yet available) seeking to include a second, more restrictive phase of requirements (phase II) in the implementing measures for the regulation, beginning in 2015 (three years after the regulation's first phase), and to extend its scope to cover category M<sub>1</sub> vehicles and vehicles for transporting heavier loads ([http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/enterprise/automotive/library?l=/mvwg\\_vehicles\\_working/115th\\_january\\_2010/item-5-b-gsrtpms/\\_EN\\_1.0\\_](http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/enterprise/automotive/library?l=/mvwg_vehicles_working/115th_january_2010/item-5-b-gsrtpms/_EN_1.0_)).

The Commission has stated on many occasions that in order to rectify the shortcomings of UNECE Regulation 64 as regards energy savings and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, phase II should be enacted in 2015. However, no practical steps have as yet been taken towards this and this matter has not been included in the agendas for forthcoming Technical Committee on Motor Vehicles (TCMV) meetings.

In light of the above, can the Commission say:

- when the implementing measures for Regulation (EC) No 661/2009 establishing performance requirements for the TPMS system and the vehicles to which they apply will be published;
- when and how it intends to lay down these requirements, and when these issues will be discussed by the TCMV;
- what approach it will take in setting these requirements, particularly with regard to protecting the environment?