

**Question for written answer E-002589/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: State of play concerning e-fuels following the agreement on CO₂ emission standards for cars and vans

Following the final trilogue agreement on new CO₂ emission standards for cars and vans, which was put to the vote in Parliament on 14 February 2023, an agreement on the use of e-fuels was reached by the Commission and Germany. As set out in a subsequent statement, the new regulation now includes a reference to e-fuels, according to which the Commission will make a proposal 'for registering after 2035 vehicles running exclusively on CO₂ neutral fuels in conformity with Union law, outside the scope of the fleet standards, and in conformity with the Union's climate-neutrality objective'.

1. Has the Commission already followed up on the e-fuels agreement?
2. When will the Commission begin the legislative process to launch the e-fuels proposal?
3. Will the Commission adopt a strict definition for climate-neutral fuels according to which only synthetic fuels that reduce CO₂ emissions by 100% will be recognised, or will a lower threshold apply?

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