

ORAL QUESTION H-0252/09  
for Question Time at the part-session in May 2009  
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure  
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to the Commission

Subject: Expiry dates for the use of lead in Annex II (Decision 2008/689/EC) to the ELV Directive 2000/53/EC

The expiry dates recently set in the revision of Annex II (Decision 2008/689/EC<sup>1</sup>) to the ELV Directive 2000/53/EC<sup>2</sup> (end of 2010 for new vehicle types) for the use of lead in the few remaining applications will jeopardise the introduction of environmental and safety vehicle applications where technical alternatives for lead are not available. Prolonged expiry dates are necessary.

How does the Commission guarantee that the current revision will provide a swift positive decision to give legal and planning certainty to the car industry at the earliest possible date?

How, in this context, does the Commission plan to take into account the recommendations made by the Council, the European Parliament and the Commission itself, in light of the difficult economic situation of the automotive industry, notably to avoid unnecessary administrative burdens, to avoid creating new economic burdens, to weigh up costs and benefits, and to consider the main CARS 21 principles by assessing cumulative costs of regulation, and providing predictability and legal certainty?

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 225, 23.8.2008, p. 10.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 269, 21.10.2000, p. 34.