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CO_2 standards: Parliament must turn technology diversity into workable rules

Brussels, 4 November 2026: ***FuelsEurope acknowledges the political resolve behind today's European Parliament committee votes on CO_2 standards for cars and vans and Clean Corporate Vehicles. The compromise provides a basis for further progress, but some restrictions must be addressed ahead of the plenary vote to make technology diversity effective in practice.***

The introduction of vehicles running exclusively on eligible fuels (VEEFs) is a significant step towards recognising sustainable fuels as an enabler of faster road transport decarbonisation, alongside electrification. However, the proposed framework remains too restrictive to unlock their full potential.

Ahead of the plenary vote, FuelsEurope calls on the European Parliament to:

- Recognise all fuels compliant with the Renewable Energy Directive as eligible, without restrictions linked to their year of production or use.
- Treat VEEFs on an equal footing with battery-electric and hydrogen-powered vehicles across relevant legislation, including Clean Corporate Vehicles, not only under CO_2 standards.
- Enable VEEFs to contribute from the Regulation's entry into force, with transitional compliance flexibilities reflecting the progressive availability of 100% eligible fuels, refuelling infrastructure and vehicle registrations.
- Ensure workable fuel-inducement requirements, including limited and progressively reducing exceptions for duly justified situations, such as temporary fuel or infrastructure constraints and accidental misfuelling.

These improvements would give citizens and businesses more ways to decarbonise mobility while strengthening the investment case for Europe's automotive, agricultural and fuel industries. They would also support the development of European sustainable feedstock value chains serving decarbonisation across transport modes.

The plenary vote must build on the political willingness to find common ground and deliver rules that work on the ground. Europe needs a pragmatic, technology-open framework that combines climate ambition with industrial competitiveness and allows every sustainable vehicle and fuel technology to contribute.

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