

**Question for written answer E-014913/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Possible increase in the levels of nitrogen dioxide in diesel vehicles

According to a recent publication in the Spanish press, the Commission is drafting a text to amend Regulation (EC) No 692/2008 implementing and amending Regulation (EC) No 715/2007 on type-approval of motor vehicles with respect to emissions from light passenger and commercial vehicles and on access to vehicle repair and maintenance information. The text, submitted to the Council for first reading, might be accompanied by a proposal that would actually increase permissible nitrogen dioxide levels for diesel vehicles.

What are the latest developments in the negotiations within the Council regarding this regulatory amendment?

Given that, according to the European Environment Agency, diesel vehicles are the main contributors to the volume of nitrogen dioxide¹ in the air and that the latter gas is one of the most harmful to human health (which is supposed to be protected under Article 34 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights), does the Commission think it is appropriate to take measures to raise those levels?

¹ <http://www.eea.europa.eu/data-and-maps/indicators/transport-contribution-to-air-quality-3>