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Order amending the Order of 10 April 2003 on information on the fuel economy and carbon dioxide emissions of new passenger cars

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

Order amending the Order of 10 April 2003 on information on the fuel economy and carbon dioxide emissions of new passenger cars

6. Products Concerned

Consumer information on the fuel economy and CO₂ emissions of passenger cars in respect of the marketing of new passenger cars - Labels affixed to vehicles placed on sale - Posting at sales areas - ADEME national fuel economy guide - Printed advertising and promotional documents.

7. Notification Under Another Act

The draft Order amends the Order of 10 April 2003, which transposed into national law Directive 1999/94/EC of 13 December 1999 relating to the availability of consumer information on fuel economy and CO₂ emissions in respect of the marketing of new passenger cars.

8. Main Content

The aim of the draft Order is to improve the legibility of consumer information on the fuel economy and CO₂ emissions of new passenger cars, in order to promote the purchasing of more economical cars with low greenhouse gas (CO₂) emissions. This legibility is boosted by the introduction of a CO₂ emissions classification scale, similar to the energy classification of certain household appliances (7 classes from A to G according to the corresponding colour code), which is already familiar to consumers, and by more effective standardised graphics and design for the CO₂ labelling of cars. This requirement to display fuel economy and CO₂ emissions has already been made compulsory by Directive 1999/94/EC. The new provisions only improve the presentation of this information and they only concern the distribution and display of cars.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The study on the effectiveness of different information media, laid down by Directive 1999/94/EC, revealed the significant public knowledge of CO₂ labelling in respect of the distribution of cars and of the fuel economy guide (particularly access to its website). However, knowledge and legibility could be significantly improved and could reinforce consumers' decision to buy, an area in which the "economy" and CO₂ emissions factor is still weak in relation to other factors that determine the decision to buy a car.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Decree No 2002-1508 of 23 December 2002

Order of 10 April 2003 on information on the fuel economy and carbon dioxide emissions of new passenger cars, as amended on 16 July 2004



11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

15. Impact assessment

No impact assessment

16. TBT and SPS aspects

a) No

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