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Council adopts regulation on the 2020 reduction of CO2 emissions from new passenger cars

The Council today adopted¹ a regulation on the 2020 reduction of CO2 emissions from new passenger cars ([PE-CONS 120/13](#), [6642/14 ADD 1 REV 1](#)).

The new regulation defines the terms and conditions for car manufacturers for reaching the 2020 target for CO2 emissions (95g CO2/km) from new passenger cars. A limited one-year phase-in period requires 95 % of new car sales to comply with the target in 2020 and 100 % by the end of 2020 onwards. The regulation also provides for the use of so-called "super credits" from 2020 to 2022: this means incentives for car manufacturers to develop new technologies and manufacture cars with low emission levels (less than 50g CO2/km), as these cars would count more towards meeting the fleet average than normal cars. The limit for the use of super credits is set at 7.5g of CO2/km for the three years 2020-2022.

The Commission will review the regulation by the end of 2015 in order to establish targets for the period beyond 2020. The regulation will enter into force on the third day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the EU.

The regulation amends [regulation \(EC\) 443/2009](#).

Today's final adoption of the legislation by the Council follows an agreement reached at first reading with the European Parliament. The European Parliament voted at its plenary session of 25 February 2014.

¹ The decision was taken without discussion at a meeting of the Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council.

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