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BEUC calls for swift adoption of car CO_2 emission target deal

A report published today by environmental group Transport & Environment shows both premium and mainstream carmakers are on track to achieve their 2020 95 g/km CO_2 emission targets, demonstrating the non-necessity of super-credit loopholes in the current legislative dealing.

Super-credits would lessen the imperative to reduce conventionally fuelled car emissions if manufacturers sell cars with very low emission rates, such as electric vehicles.

A deal between EU countries, the European Parliament and the European Commission setting 2020 targets for new cars was scuppered at the last minute by a small number of car-producing countries.

Monique Goyens, Director General of BEUC, The European Consumer Organisation comments:

"Consumers consistently cite high fuel prices as a major concern. A strict 95g/km emission limit is the smart route towards reducing the cost of driving by several hundred euro per year. European governments should seal the deal reached in June.

"This new report by T&E clearly shows emission targets are achievable for all car producers. Faced with these figures, moves to weaken the deal with greater use of super-credits are inscrutable.

"It is welcome news that several 'new-to-the-world' car models with electric drive trains will be premiered at the International Motor Show in Frankfurt this week. But standard internal combustion engines will continue to dominate the market over the next decade. Only if their emissions are reduced will less well-off consumers who cannot afford electric vehicles be able to bring down the cost of driving."

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