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Status Update

Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on circularity requirements for vehicle design and on management of end-of-life vehicles, amending Regulations (EU) 2018/858 and 2019/1020 and repealing Directives 2000/53/EC and 2005/64/EC.

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At its meeting on 15th May 2025, the DSC made a decision to monitor [Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on circularity requirements for vehicle design and on management of end-of-life vehicles, amending Regulations \(EU\) 2018/858 and 2019/1020 and repealing Directives 2000/53/EC and 2005/64/EC.](#)

1 Background

In its 2022 work programme, the European Commission announced plans to revise Directive 2000/53/EC on end-of-life vehicles (ELVs) and Directive 2005/64/EC on vehicle type approval with regard to reusability, recyclability and recoverability (the ‘3R Directive’). The revision was intended to align both measures with the objectives of the European Green Deal and the Circular Economy Action Plan, and to improve legal clarity and enforcement.

On 13 July 2023, the Commission presented a proposal for a new regulation that would repeal and replace the two directives. The proposal aims to strengthen the circularity of the automotive sector by linking vehicle design to end-of-life treatment, introducing mandatory recycled content requirements, and reinforcing extended producer responsibility. It foresees a minimum of 25% recycled plastics in new vehicles six years after entry into force, with part of this coming from ELVs, and allows future targets for recycled steel, aluminium and critical raw materials.

The proposal is currently under consideration by the European Parliament and the Council under the ordinary legislative procedure.

2 Status Update

The European Parliament adopted its negotiating position during the plenary session of 9 September 2025, providing the mandate for upcoming trilogue negotiations.

On the Council side, environment ministers agreed on a General Approach on 17 June 2025, which now serves as the Council’s negotiating position. The

Council's Working Party on Environment is scheduled to meet again on 12 September 2025 in preparation for the inter-institutional talks.

Trilogue negotiations between the Parliament and the Council are expected to begin in October 2025, with the aim of reaching a first reading agreement.

Should an agreement be concluded, the compromise text could be adopted by the European Parliament during its plenary session of 15–18 December 2025, although adoption is considered more likely in the 19–22 January 2026 session.

The Council would then be expected to formally endorse the compromise text in February or March 2026.

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