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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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1 Background

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.](#)

The proposal seeks to ensure that vehicles in the EU are designed, used, and disposed of in ways that maximise resource efficiency and recyclability, strengthen producer responsibility, and establish harmonised rules for managing end-of-life vehicles.

The proposal is progressing through the “ordinary legislative procedure” established under the Lisbon Treaty.

2 Status Update

A draft report, together with compromise amendments prepared by the ENVI and IMCO Co-Rapporteurs, Jens Gieseke (EPP, Germany) and Paulius Saudargas (EPP, Lithuania), is scheduled for a plenary vote on 9 September. Members of the European Parliament have until 3 September to submit further amendments.

If the plenary adopts the text, the amended report will become the Parliament’s formal negotiating mandate for trilogue discussions with the Council.

It should be noted that, although the Joint Report was approved on 7 July, 27 MEPs voted against and 11 abstained. This could signal that political groups are likely to put forward additional amendments at the plenary stage.

On the Council side, Member State Ministers from the Environment Council configuration agreed the Council’s General Approach on 17 June 2025, which now forms the Council’s negotiating mandate.

Trilogue negotiations between the Parliament and the Council are scheduled to begin in October 2025. The objective will be to reach a first-reading agreement. If successful, the compromise text would then need to be formally approved by both institutions.

The earliest possible adoption by Parliament would be in the plenary session of 15–18 December 2025. However, a more realistic timeline points to adoption in the 19–22 January 2026 session, with final Council endorsement following in February or March 2026.

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