



Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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Implementing the Euro 6/VI Emissions Standard

Portfolio Transport

On 3 May 2023, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee:

Background

- 1 **noted** that on 21 January 2021, Cabinet agreed to amend the Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Exhaust Emissions 2007 (the Rule) to require Euro 6 for light vehicles by the end of 2022 [CAB-21-MIN-0004];
- 2 **noted** that adopting Euro VI for heavy vehicles is a committed action under the government's 2022 Emissions Reduction Plan;
- 3 **noted** that the 2022 Health and Air Pollution in New Zealand (HAPINZ 3.0) report found that transport-related air pollution was responsible for 13,000 cases of asthma prevalence in New Zealand tamariki, 2,200 premature deaths, and a total of \$10.5 billion in social costs per annum;
- 4 **noted** that Euro 6/VI is unlikely to be voluntarily adopted by vehicle importers until the middle of the next decade;

Proposal

- 5 **agreed** to release for public consultation the proposals outlined in Annex 1 to the paper under DEV-23-SUB-0062 and draft amendment to the Rule (the Amendment Rule), on the implementation timeframes and dates proposed to the latest European harmful emissions standards to be required in Aotearoa, in order to give effect to paragraph 1 above;
- 6 **authorised** the Minister of Transport to make minor and technical changes to the Amendment Rule and the consultation document that may be required ahead of release for public consultation;
- 7 **noted** the intention of the Minister of Transport to undertake the procedure concerning ordinary rules under section 161 of the Land Transport Act 1998 and to not report back to Cabinet unless material changes are needed to the policy following public consultation;
- 8 **noted** that the exact dates proposed in the Amendment Rule are subject to change, pending public consultation feedback on the notice period required before the requirement comes into force;

- 9 **noted** that the Amendment Rule proposes introducing minimum emissions standards for new and used motorcycles and mopeds entering the fleet from 2025, though exclusions would be added to cover special interest, farm, enduro, and trials motorcycles;
- 10 **noted** that the Amendment Rule proposes that used light imports which meet a definition of a disability vehicle will be required to meet Euro 5 at the same time as other used light vehicles, but will be given until January 2028 to transition to Euro 6d, recognising that the supply of these vehicles is limited;
- 11 **noted** that the European Commission is consulting on a proposal to introduce Euro 7 for light vehicles in 2025 and heavy vehicles in 2027;

12 s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Janine Harvey
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Dr Megan Woods (Chair)
Hon Michael Wood
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon David Parker
Hon Peeni Henare
Hon Ginny Andersen
Hon Barbara Edmonds
Hon Dr Duncan Webb
Hon Dr Deborah Russell
Hon Rachel Brooking
Jo Luxton, MP

Officials present from:

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