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CLEPA STATEMENT

IARC study on classification of diesel engine emissions

The European automotive industry is since decades at the forefront of innovation to develop ever cleaner and efficient technologies for road transport.

“The automotive suppliers have invested massively in the last years to reduce emissions and above all particles for diesel engines” stated Mr Jean Marc Gales, CLEPA CEO.

Current clean diesel technology is a key enabler of sustainable mobility and contributes to the CO2 emission reduction targets set out in European climate policy. Today’s economic and clean diesel engine is a corner stone of a sustainable fuel strategy.

Modern road vehicle with diesel engines use highly efficient filters that remove well over 99% of particles. The remaining exhaust particle content is comparable to the ambient surroundings. European products complying with EURO 6 standards are already on the market well before the legal mandatory deadlines.

CLEPA is therefore concerned about the misleading conclusions of the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) in their review of the health hazard classifications of gasoline and diesel exhausts. These conclusions are based on data from obsolete engine technology used before particle filters were introduced. Emission profiles from engines built in the nineties and early last decade are far from being representative of current diesel technology – an issue acknowledged by the IARC.

“The IARC study does not reflect the advances in diesel emission technology in the past decade and cannot therefore be accepted as basis for regulatory or vehicle development actions. Instead of creating uncertainties in the markets, we should first complete ongoing studies on the emissions and health impacts of modern diesel engines that are equipped with the European world leading emission reduction technologies.” concluded Mr Gales.

Note to Editors

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