Reforming the EU's vehicle approval system

Commission's proposals

What MEPs voted for

What EU governments want¹



Independent EU spot checks of cars







EU fines against cheating carmakers



Weakened only member states can fine



Oversight of national regulators

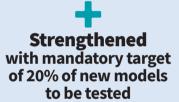








market surveillance on "adequate scale"









Joint audits of testing companies by Commission and governments



Weakened testing companies can be exempt



Possibility to sell outdated vehicles²



Weakened no need for new approval³







¹ Based on latest Maltese Presidency text

² The Commission have proposed to streamline the existing end-of-series provisions (whereby car makers are allowed to continue selling vehicles that no longer comply with new rules for a short time to get rid of the stock) - the provisions to be allowed for 12 months in all member states upon approval by the original

type approval authority

3 Council have deleted the requirement for carmakers to receive approval before selling out of date vehicles, making it obligatory to all member states to agree to receive older models