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Dear Paul,

We acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 9 July, in which you raise concerns against one of the issues suggested in the draft "potpourri Regulation", i.e. the increase of the Euro 6 THC emission limit, while putting an effective incentive to keep methane emissions low by adding them as CO2 equivalents to the respective figure in the vehicle CoC.

You are probably aware that the reason for this proposal is to facilitate in an environmentally neutral way the placing on the market of CNG vehicles, which are a promising technology to reduce CO2 emissions at least during a transition period until more advanced technologies like EV, HEV or hydrogen vehicles will have sufficiently penetrated the market. It should also be mentioned that CNG vehicles are a key element in the green car strategy of the EU. The principle that in the future CO2 emissions from vehicles should be calculated to include other greenhouse gases such as methane emissions is already lined out in the Commission Communication 2008/C 182/08 of 19 July 2008.

We are however aware that certain OEMs have prepared CNG vehicles complying with the current legislation and expect that this effort is economically honoured. Therefore I suggest arranging a meeting with the responsible Commission services and OEMs concerned in the course of September, where we should try to find a solution taking into account the interests of all parties involved.

Best regards,

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