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# New emission limits: European mobile machines to become cleanest in the world

*Manufacturers welcome final agreement adopted in the European Parliament today.*

**Brussels, 5 July 2016** – European mobile machines will become the cleanest in the world, according to a new Regulation adopted by the European Parliament today. The new Regulation tightens emission limits for particulate matter (PM) and nitrogen oxides (NOx) for mobile machines such as farm, construction and material handling machinery as well as machines used for municipal and road operation services.

The Regulation is the latest step in a series of ever tighter emission limits which had already reduced particulate matter and nitrogen oxide emissions for land-based machines by over 95% in recent years. The new, so-called 'Stage V' Regulation is set to reduce emissions even further by setting stricter limits, by introducing particulate number limits, and by extending the scope of the Regulation to additional power categories.

European manufacturers represented by their respective trade associations CECE (construction equipment), CEMA (agricultural machinery), EGMF (garden equipment), EUUnited Municipal Equipment (municipal & road operation equipment) and FEM (materials handling equipment) welcomed the final outcome.

Ulrich Adam, Secretary General of CEMA, said: *"The final compromise found between the EU Institutions strikes a good balance between improving air quality and maintaining the competitiveness of the European machine manufacturing industry."*

This balance was achieved thanks to a number of adjustments introduced during the legislative process, whilst keeping the original emission limits and introduction dates for land-based machinery as proposed by the European Commission. Adjustments include, for instance, an extension of the general transition scheme by 6 months (24 months in total) to give European machine manufacturers sufficient time to re-design their fleet to comply with the new requirements. Furthermore, introducing a provision on replacement engines with a time limit of 20 years will allow for a continued use of machinery using replacement engines, thereby contributing to the EU's objectives on resource efficiency.

*"Overall, the new Regulation sets an ambitious timeline. It will remain a challenge to re-design the hundreds of machinery types and applications in the timeframe given, but the machine manufacturing industries are committed and capable to make these necessary adjustments and contribute to improving air quality in Europe,"* underlined Sigrid de Vries, Secretary General of CECE.

Importantly, the special needs of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) as well as the high level of specialisation throughout the sector, have been reflected in the final compromise. For certain types of machines and enterprises, such as mobile cranes and narrow tractors, further transitional provisions were foreseen to cater for their specific needs.

Olivier Janin, Secretary General of FEM, said: *"We are extremely satisfied to see that the special needs of mobile cranes were taken into account. The extra time granted will enable manufacturers to re-*

*design their 170 different models without hampering their competitiveness and with a marginal environmental impact.”*

Frank Diedrich, Director of EUnited Municipal Equipment: *“Since meeting Stage V requirements means a significant effort for the European industry, we call on European political support for the promotion of clean mobile “Made in Europe” machinery on the global market.”*

Further to the Parliament’s final vote in today’s plenary sitting, the Council’s adoption is expected to take place in the coming weeks. Publication of the Regulation will follow shortly. In parallel to the adoption of the framework Regulation, supplementary legislation in the form of delegated and implementing acts is being finalised as well. This supplementary legislation includes technical requirements and administrative provisions and is expected to be adopted before the end of the year.

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**CECE** ([www.cece.eu](http://www.cece.eu)) is the recognized organization representing and promoting European construction equipment and related industries. CECE represents the national sector associations from 13 countries. The industry behind CECE comprises 1,200 companies employing directly around 130,000 people directly, with a total turn-over of 26 billion Euros from European production in 2014. [sg@cece.eu](mailto:sg@cece.eu)

**CEMA** ([www.cema-agri.org](http://www.cema-agri.org)) is the European association of agricultural machinery industry. The industry represented by CEMA includes 4,500 manufacturers of agricultural machinery. 135,000 persons directly work in this branch of business, 125,000 persons work indirectly in distribution and maintenance. The companies are mainly small and medium-sized manufacturers according to the EU definition and generated a total turnover of 27 billion euros in 2014. [secretariat@cema-agri.org](mailto:secretariat@cema-agri.org).

**EGMF** ([www.egmf.org](http://www.egmf.org)) is the European Garden Machinery Federation. Through its 27 member bodies - 7 national associations and 20 companies - EGMF represents large and small manufacturers of garden, landscaping, forestry and lawn maintenance equipment registered in Europe. EGMF is based in Brussels, and accounts for around 80% of the garden machinery marketed in Europe. [paul.wilczek@orgalime.org](mailto:paul.wilczek@orgalime.org)

**EUnited Municipal Equipment** ([www.eu-nited.net](http://www.eu-nited.net)) is the European industry association representing the main manufacturers of mobile equipment for municipal and road operation services such as road sweepers, refuse collection vehicles, snow removal equipment, salt spreaders, multi equipment carriers and more. [Frank.diedrich@eu-nited.net](mailto:Frank.diedrich@eu-nited.net)

**FEM** ([www.fem-eur.com](http://www.fem-eur.com)) Created in 1953, the European Materials Handling Federation ([www.fem-eur.com](http://www.fem-eur.com)) represents, defends and promotes European manufacturers of materials handling, lifting and storage equipment. FEM speaks for 15 members representing some 1,000 companies (mostly SMEs) employing 160,000 people directly and with an annual turnover of more than €50 billion. [olivier.janin@orgalime.org](mailto:olivier.janin@orgalime.org)