

**Priority question for written answer P-000402/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Processes leading to fines for car manufacturers exceeding emissions targets

In light of the challenging situation faced by the European automotive industry and the upcoming Strategic Dialogue on its future, discussions have increasingly turned to potential fines for manufacturers. Regulation (EU) 2019/631 on CO₂ emission performance standards establishes penalties for manufacturers whose average specific CO₂ emissions exceed their designated targets (Article 8). Although Article 8 defines various terms and calculation formulas, it does not outline the procedural steps. Article 9, however, specifies the publication date for a list detailing each manufacturer's emissions targets and actual emissions.

1. Clarification on the process and timelines: Could the Commission provide a detailed explanation of the process? Specifically, when are manufacturers required to submit their emissions data, and what are the subsequent steps and timelines within the Commission leading to the final assessment of fines?
2. Steps following fine calculation: In cases where the Commission determines that a fine is necessary, what procedural steps and timelines follow this decision? Do manufacturers have an opportunity to respond or contest the assessment, and when do the fines become final and payable?

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