

Directive 2000/53/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 September 2000 on end-of life vehicles

Article 4

Prevention

1 In order to promote the prevention of waste Member States shall encourage, in particular:

- a vehicle manufacturers, in liaison with material and equipment manufacturers, to limit the use of hazardous substances in vehicles and to reduce them as far as possible from the conception of the vehicle onwards, so as in particular to prevent their release into the environment, make recycling easier, and avoid the need to dispose of hazardous waste;
- b the design and production of new vehicles which take into full account and facilitate the dismantling, reuse and recovery, in particular the recycling, of end-of life vehicles, their components and materials;
- c vehicle manufacturers, in liaison with material and equipment manufacturers, to integrate an increasing quantity of recycled material in vehicles and other products, in order to develop the markets for recycled materials.

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a Member States shall ensure that materials and components of vehicles put on the market after 1 July 2003 do not contain lead, mercury, cadmium or hexavalent chromium other than in cases listed in Annex II under the conditions specified therein;

[^{F1}b The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 9a, amending Annex II on a regular basis to adapt it to technical and scientific progress, in order to:

- (i) as necessary, establish maximum concentration values up to which the existence of the substances referred to in point (a) of this paragraph in specific materials and components of vehicles is to be tolerated;
- (ii) exempt certain materials and components of vehicles from point (a) of this paragraph if the use of the substances referred to in that point is unavoidable;
- (iii) delete materials and components of vehicles from Annex II if the use of the substances referred to in point (a) of this paragraph is avoidable;
- (iv) under points (i) and (ii) designate those materials and components of vehicles that can be stripped before further treatment and require them to be labelled or made identifiable by other appropriate means.

The Commission shall adopt a separate delegated act with respect to each substance, material or component concerned by points (i) to (iv);]

c the Commission shall amend Annex II for the first time not later than 21 October 2001. In any case none of the exemptions listed therein shall be deleted from the Annex before 1 January 2003.

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Substituted by [Directive \(EU\) 2018/849 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2018 amending Directives 2000/53/EC on end-of-life vehicles, 2006/66/EC on batteries and accumulators and waste batteries and accumulators, and 2012/19/EU on waste electrical and electronic equipment](#) (Text with EEA relevance).