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Subject: Potential retroactive ban on diesel-powered passenger vehicles

The German Minister for Transport, Volker Wissing, has warned against a potential retroactive ban on diesel-powered passenger vehicles that have completed the NEDC test, in connection with a legal opinion submitted by the Commission in the context of a request for a preliminary ruling by the Court of Justice of the European Union. Commissioner Thierry Breton informed Minister Wissing that the Commission has no intention of taking retroactive measures in this specific case.

1. Although the Commission has stressed that it does not intend to apply the emissions legislation retroactively, what would be the consequences if the Court of Justice were to rule otherwise?
2. What kind of measures, including legislative proposals or any other urgent actions, is the Commission prepared to adopt to clarify the scope of the existing legislation, to potentially avoid the unnecessary decommissioning of millions of Euro 5 and Euro 6 vehicles in the EU, and to address the concerns raised by the Member States' authorities?
3. Could the Commission explain the source of the potential misinterpretation and outline how it intends to prevent the misinterpretation of European standards in this area in future?

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