

Question for written answer E-003351/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Revision of Regulation (EU) 2023/851 and ban on combustion engines from 2035

The ban on selling new combustion engine vehicles from 2035¹ is one of the most harmful measures in the Green Deal. Far from fostering an orderly and realistic transition, this legislation threatens to destroy Europe's productive fabric, and prompt industry relocations and massive job losses.

Industry leaders are voicing their concerns. Mercedes-Benz CEO Ola Källenius has warned that Europe 'needs a reality check. Otherwise, we are heading full speed into a wall'². According to BMW's CEO, Oliver Zipse, the ban will hit the industry right at its 'heart', increasing reliance on China³, while Jean-Philippe Imparato (Stellantis) warns that, without a regulatory rethink before the end of the year, the company 'will have to make tough decisions'⁴, hinting at possible factory closures in Europe.

In view of the above:

1. What is the expected timeline and scope of the revision of the 2035 zero-emission target?
2. Will the Commission assess the impact of this legislation on the EU's productive fabric, especially in terms of employment, competitiveness and industrial sovereignty?
3. Before presenting any proposal to revise the target, will it publish a detailed roadmap and impact assessment that can be accessed by the public?

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¹ Regulation (EU) 2023/851 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 April 2023 amending Regulation (EU) 2019/631 as regards strengthening the CO₂ emission performance standards for new passenger cars and new light commercial vehicles in line with the Union's increased climate ambition.

² <https://www.reuters.com/sustainability/climate-energy/mercedes-ceo-calls-reality-check-slamming-eu-combustion-engine-ban-2025-08-11/>.

³ <https://www.businessinsider.com/bmw-ceo-2035-gasoline-vehicle-ban-eu-more-reliant-china-2024-10?>

⁴ <https://www.thesun.co.uk/motors/36284516/boss-warns-car-brands-ev-collapse/>.