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Regulation (EU) 2019/631<sup>1</sup> establishes harmonised CO<sub>2</sub> emission performance standards for new light-duty vehicles and sets binding targets for vehicle manufacturers, who are directly responsible for the emissions intensity of their fleets. As part of the EU's internal market and climate framework, it aims to provide a common regulatory structure across the EU.

Article 193 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union allows Member States to maintain or introduce more stringent environmental measures, provided they are compatible with the Treaties and notified to the Commission. Given the detailed harmonisation introduced by Regulation (EU) 2019/631, the compatibility of any national measure concerning CO<sub>2</sub> requirements for new cars and vans would need to be assessed on a case-by-case basis, taking into account its design, proportionality, and consistency with EU law, including internal market rules and the free movement of goods.

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EU) 2019/631 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2019 setting CO<sub>2</sub> emission performance standards for new passenger cars and for new light commercial vehicles, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 443/2009 and (EU) No 510/2011, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2019/631/2025-07-09>.