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Regulation (EU) 2023/1804¹ on the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure (AFIR) requires that prices charged by operators of publicly accessible recharging points and mobility service providers are reasonable, transparent, comparable and non-discriminatory. Article 5(6) AFIR specifically requires Member States to monitor the markets, in particular with regards to compliance with AFIR provisions on pricing. AFIR does not contain specific benchmarks for compliance with those provisions that need to be assessed on a case by case basis.

Under Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2025/656², new recharging points deployed from 1 January 2027 must comply with standard EN ISO 15118-20:2022, including for offering automatic authentication and authorisation services, such as plug and charge, ensuring an interoperable communication interface with electric vehicles. Genuine interoperability also requires a trusted governance and technical framework. The Commission³ is currently developing the EU-wide framework needed to support interoperable, open and market-driven plug and charge services. Technical implementation is proceeding on a voluntary basis. The Commission will assess the need for further action when the project concludes in 2028.

Manufacturer proprietary services could potentially limit consumer choice. The Commission's ongoing AFIR review will assess whether further measures are needed to protect drivers' freedom of choice and ensure a level playing field for plug and charge services.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2023/1804 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 September 2023 on the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure, and repealing Directive 2014/94/EU (OJ L 234, 22.9.2023, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2023/1804/oj>).

² Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2025/656 of 2 April 2025 amending Regulation (EU) 2023/1804 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards standards for wireless recharging, electric road system, vehicle-to-grid communication and hydrogen supply for road transport vehicles (OJ L, 2025/656, 18.6.2025, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2025/656/oj).

³ The work is supported by the Sustainable Transport Forum expert group and the Joint Research Centre through a three year project (from September 2025 to September 2028) https://transport.ec.europa.eu/transport-themes/clean-transport/sustainable-transport-forum-stf/active-sub-groups/continuously-open-call-applications-sub-group-european-union-eu-e-mobility-public-key-infrastructure_en.