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on behalf of the European Commission
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The comprehensive Impact Assessment¹ which accompanied the publication of the proposal² to amend inter alia Directive 2014/45/EU³, provides the basis upon which the Commission's proposal was drafted. It included consultations with all stakeholder groups, in line with Commission Better Regulation rules⁴.

In line with normal procedure, the adopted Commission proposal was not shared with Member States in advance. However, Member States now have the opportunity to discuss the proposal in Council, and Transport Ministers had an initial exchange of views at the recent Transport Council in Luxembourg.

Regarding the proposed measure to require annual testing of vehicles 10 years older, 16 Member States already test older vehicles annually (often well before 10 years). In the 11 Member States affected by this measure, it would save approximately 1,850 lives and prevent around 21,000 severe injuries over the period 2026 to 2050, as well as significantly reducing air pollution emissions. In Slovakia alone, it is estimated that the proposal would prevent more than 43 fatalities and around 500 severe injuries, over the same period.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:52025SC0096>.

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=COM%3A2025%3A180%3AFIN>.

³ Directive 2014/45/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 April 2014 on periodic roadworthiness tests for motor vehicles and their trailers and repealing Directive 2009/40/EC, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2014/45/oj>.

⁴ https://commission.europa.eu/law/law-making-process/better-regulation_en.