



European Materials Handling Federation

Press Release

FEM welcomes IMCO vote on exhaust emissions from non-road mobile machinery

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Yesterday, the European Parliament's Internal Market Committee (IMCO) adopted an opinion on the proposal for a revision of Directive 97/68 on exhaust emissions from non-road mobile machinery. FEM welcomes the outcome of the vote and notably the extension of the transition period, the introduction of a replacement engines provision and the specific treatment of mobile cranes.

"We feel the IMCO Committee has adequately addressed machine manufacturers' technical and economic constraints without affecting the environmental objectives of the legislation, which we fully support", said Olivier Janin, Secretary General of FEM.

The proposed extension of the transition period is particularly welcomed by materials handling equipment manufacturers, who do not produce their own engines and are therefore entirely dependent on the availability of engines from engine manufacturers to start redesigning their machines. Six additional months certainly decrease the risk of business disruption.

The introduction of a replacement engines provision – which exists in the current Directive – is also welcome as it will preserve a return on investment for users of machines with a failed engine.

The IMCO Committee also addressed the unique situation of mobile crane manufacturers. Additional transition time will enable them to cope better with the redesigning of some 170 models all in the same power category and with the extra constraints due to road homologation requirements.

The Environment Committee, which leads on the issue, is now due to adopt its report in mid-July. *"We hope the ENVI Committee will follow the same line so that we can achieve a balanced outcome and look optimistically at an adoption by the end of the year",* added Olivier Janin.

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About FEM

Created in 1953, the European Materials Handling Federation (www.fem-eur.eu) represents, defends and promotes European manufacturers of materials handling, lifting and storage equipment. FEM speaks for 15 members representing some 1,000 companies (mostly SMEs) employing 160,000 people directly and with an annual turnover of more than €50 billion (2011).