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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Antici Group (Simplification)
Subject:	Omnibus IX (Automotive): Explanatory note accompanying the Presidency compromise text (AGS on 2 March 2026)

Delegations will find enclosed an explanatory note accompanying the Presidency compromise text for the Antici Group (Simplification) meeting on 2.03.2026 regarding both proposals for Omnibus IX (Automotive).

Antici Group on Simplification (AGS)

AGS - 02 March 2026

Omnibus IX: Automotive - 1st Presidency compromise text

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The purpose of this explanatory note is to provide delegations with additional information, clarifications and reasoning for the amendments proposed by the Presidency.

The explanatory note follows the order of the relevant provisions.

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A. REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulations (EC) No 561/2006, (EU) 2018/858, (EU) 2019/2144 and (EU) 2024/1257 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the simplification of technical requirements and testing procedures for motor vehicles and repealing Council Directive 70/157/EEC and Regulation No 540/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council

Recitals	
Recital 5	Minor clarification
Recital 6	Open issue of the tachograph exemption logic in brackets
Recital 7	Refined exemption wording for electric LCVs
Recital 8	Added Member State flexibility
Recital 9	Clarified exemption for motor caravans
Articles	
Article 1	1(a) added exemption for non-commercial motor caravans
Article 1	2 (s) was deleted (replaced by new Article 1(1) (a))
Article 3	New paragraph 5a: exemption from speed limitation devices for electric N2 vehicles: clarification of the weights in scope
Article 4	Art.10 (6): adjusted application dates for heavy-duty categories
Article 4	Art.10 (7): COM initial paragraph replaced by new text to clarify national authorities reaction in case of no compliance.
Article 4	Art.11 (2): COM initial paragraph replaced by new text to clarify the actions of Member States in case of no type-approval.
Article 4	Art.14(4)(j): Para (b) added with the date of adoption of certain categories
Article 4	Art14(9): deadline for new implementing acts for heavy-duty vehicles and trailers.
Article 4	art.20 (1a): Art 20 is amended with new repeal dates
Article 4	art.20 (1b): Art 20 is also amended with new repeal dates
Article 4	Art21(1b): Art 21 replaced with revised application dates

B. Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Directive 92/6/EEC to exempt certain N2 electric vehicles from the requirement to install and use a speed limitation device

Articles	
Article 1	Art.3 (1) targeted amendment to the speed-limiter requirements for electric N2 vehicles.
Article 2	Sets the transposition deadline for the amendment