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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 20 April 2026)

Delegations will find enclosed an explanatory note accompanying the Presidency compromise text in document 8211/26 for the Antici Group (Simplification) meeting on 20 April 2026 regarding Omnibus IX (Automotive).

Antici Group on Simplification (AGS)

20 April 2026

Omnibus IX: Automotive – 3rd 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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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 Regulation No 540/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Directive 70/157/EEC

Recitals	
12	Additional text accompanies Article 2(-1), explaining the expansion of the empowerment to reflect possible developments on types of vehicles under ongoing initiatives
16a	New recital to accompany Article 4(-1). The previous recital 16a becomes recital 16b.
Articles	
Art.2(-1)	Enlargement of the empowerment to adopt delegated acts: technical progress is already covered in the current rules, the amendment concerns the need to amend types of vehicle categories as a follow-up to amendments to CO2-legislation
Art.4(-1)	Scope of reference enlarged to implementing acts concerning engines (Art 14(3) point (c) of Reg 2024/1257). The clarification that the type approved strategy or device shall not constitute a manipulation or strategy is enlarged by referring also to the general obligation in Art 13(5) of Reg 2018/858.
Art. 4(1)	In the changes to Article 14 of Reg 2024/1257 the previous point (d) is deleted: paragraph 8 does not need any change because the delegated act has been adopted already. The previous point (e), relating to paragraph 9, becomes point (d).
Art.4(1a) point (a)	As the intended change only concerns point (c) of Article 15(1) of Reg 2024/1257, the amendment is reduced to changing that point only.
Art.4(1a) point (b)	Enlargement of the empowerment to amend certain tables in Annex I relating to brake particle emissions, so that a differentiation is possible, if needed, according to the powertrain technologies for the time after 1 January 2035.
Annex	
Annex II	In the definition of the small electric vehicle, the value in the criterion of maximum power is put in brackets, as a consequence of doubts and different views from delegations.