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Switzerland adopts crediting of eFuels in road transport

Berlin, April 4, 2024: The Swiss National Council and Parliament recently approved the [credibility of synthetic fuels](#) for new vehicles in road traffic by a large majority. This decision is part of the revised CO2 Act, which is intended to serve as the basis for the Swiss net-zero target for 2050 and a secure energy supply.

Switzerland wants to halve its greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 compared to 1990. As in other European countries, the transport sector is one of the biggest greenhouse gas emitters in Switzerland and is lagging behind other sectors from a climate perspective. The credibility of eFuels is intended to open up a further compliance option for climate-friendly drives in addition to electrification.

"The Swiss are setting a milestone with this decision. The credibility of eFuels in road transport will finally cause a rethink in the cemented tailpipe approach. This is a decisive turning point for truly effective climate protection, even if the decision excludes advanced biofuels," said Ralf Diemer, Managing Director of the eFuel Alliance, welcoming the decision.

Until now, the climate friendliness of a vehicle has been determined by the tailpipe (tailpipe approach). This means that only those drives are considered climate-friendly that do not emit any CO2 during use - even if 100% climate-neutral fuels are used. An electric vehicle, even one charged with fossil electricity, is therefore always declared as a zero-emission vehicle. Emissions generated in the upstream chain are not taken into account.

The credibility of synthetic fuels opposes this approach and opens up the perspective. The decision should be implemented this year. The so-called [crediting system](#) is recommended. This enables importers and manufacturers of vehicles to take into account the CO2 emissions saved through the use of eFuels in the fleet emissions targets. A certification system is used to show the quantity of eFuels brought onto the market by fuel manufacturers.

Unlike European legislation, Switzerland is taking a very pragmatic approach: "European legislation ignores the fact that the real fuel mix already does not consist of 100% fossil fuels. It is to be hoped that this pragmatism will serve as a blueprint for the EU revision in 2026," explains Diemer.

>>>The eFuel Alliance e.V.<<<

The eFuel Alliance is an interest group committed to promoting political and social acceptance of eFuels and to securing their regulatory approval. We represent more than 170 companies, associations and consumer organizations along the eFuel production value chain. We stand for fair competition and equal competitive condition for all relevant emission reduction solutions. We are firmly committed to further climate change mitigation and seek recognition for the significant part eFuels can play in sustainability and climate protection. Our aim is to create the conditions for the industrial production and widespread use of CO2-neutral fuels from renewable sources of energy.

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