



A step in the right direction

## Motor Vehicle Block Exemption Regulation

PRESS RELEASE

**Brussels, 17 April 2023 - ADPA welcomes the prolongation of the Motor Vehicle Block Exemption Regulation and the publication of the Supplementary Guidelines, which will shape competition in the automotive aftermarket until 2028. This is a step in the right direction, even if the Evaluation Report of the European Commission published in 2021 had opened the door to a more comprehensive and ambitious review.**

ADPA has intensively advocated, over the last years, for a significant improvement of the Motor Vehicle Block Exemption Regulation (MVBBER) and its Supplementary Guidelines (SGL). The current framework dates back to 2010 and since, commercial practices and technical developments have seriously impacted competition in the automotive aftermarket, and in particular the possibility for independent, multi-brand operators to offer competitive and innovative services.

ADPA appreciates in particular the extension of the list of examples of technical information and its adaptation to current technical trends, in particular the inclusion of ADAS, battery management systems and activation codes, which are key to connected and electric mobility and for which technical information is still too often not granular enough.

ADPA also welcomes the recognition that access to in-vehicle data is a fundamental component for competition in the automotive aftermarket in the digital era, in particular when coupled to the proportionality principle and Article 102.

However, ADPA regrets that, despite numerous requests from the National Competition Authorities and from businesses, no improvement has been made to further prevent the misuse or abuse of warranties.


Ralf Pelkmann, ADPA President, said: "We are glad to see that the European Commission has partially taken into consideration the comments and suggestions we made during the various consultations. This will help secure competition for the provision of repair and maintenance services, also to the most recent vehicles."



Pierre Thibaudat, ADPA Director General, added: "The MVBBER and its Guidelines have always been the mother legislation for competition in the European automotive aftermarket. Other horizontal and sector-specific legislations and a pro-active enforcement need now to translate these principles into practice."

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