Question for written answer E-002094/2019/rev.1 to the Commission Rule 130

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Subject: Biofuels, electric cars and sustainability

Parliament's Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety adopted the target of reducing EU fleet emissions from new cars by 45 % by 2030, rather than the Commission's proposed 30 %, with an intermediate target of 20 % by 2025. Furthermore, a Parliament press release stated that ZLEVs (zero- and low-emission vehicles) will be required to 'have a 40 % market share of sales of new cars and vans by 2030, and 20 % by 2025'. Given research on biofuels and electric cars:

- 1. Why is such high priority given to the production of electric cars, which can still be powered by energy from non-clean sources, such as deforestation-sourced coal or wood, rather than encouraging and regulating correct biofuel usage for the CO2-neutral operation of the existing fleet of vehicles?
- 2. Will the lifecycle emissions measured include all emissions from production processes, battery components and lithium mining, and after-use waste management? Will this also include the carbon footprint of the energy supplied for charging? If not, what is the rationale behind promoting such significant pollutants?
- 3. How will exported emissions (e.g. in form of pollution from extra-EU electricity production needed to power electric cars) be accounted for in the lifecycle assessment of emissions?

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