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WLTP in, NEDC out!

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From this month, European consumers will benefit from more accurate information on vehicle fuel consumption and emissions, thanks to the entry into force of a new standard testing procedure (i.e. Worldwide Harmonized Light Vehicles Test Procedure, or WLTP).

A Global Technical Regulation on WLTP was developed and finally adopted by UNECE's World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations in March 2014, at the request of policy makers, the automobile industry and [consumers](#).

The WLTP test cycle offers a more accurate and realistic testing method than the existing system, known as the New European Driving Cycle (NEDC), which dates back to the 1970s. WLTP type approval testing will be introduced for new car types as of 1 September 2017. While it will initially be reserved for new vehicle models, it will apply to all new vehicles sold within the EU from September 2018.

Stephen Russell, ANEC Secretary-General, commented, "ANEC welcomes the entry into force of WLTP which will provide consumers with real life fuel consumption instead of optimised test results. During the transition period, it is important the motor industry ensures consumers are well informed in order to help them make informed and clear choices when buying new vehicles".

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