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# Covid-19: agricultural machinery manufacturers, dealers and contractors welcome the European pandemic response allowing to use transition engines built in 2019

On June 9<sup>th</sup>, the European Parliament adopted a text extending the transition provisions of certain machinery and tractors fitted with engines in the power range between 56kW and 130kW, in order to address the impact of COVID-19 crisis. The vote paves the way for the final adoption and publication in the Official Journal of the amended version of Regulation (EU) 2016/1628.

The European industry associations representing agricultural machinery manufacturers, dealers and contractors, namely CEMA, CLIMMAR and CEETTAR, warmly welcome the support received from the European Commission, European Parliament and Council of the European Union in tackling the pandemic through extraordinary measures. The industry had jointly urged<sup>1</sup> European Institutions to complement Regulation (EU) 2020/1040 – which rightly amended the most urgent aspects of Stage V Regulation last year – and also address machinery fitted with transition engines between 56kW and 130kW (built up to 31/12/2019).

Commenting on the vote, CEMA Secretary General Jérôme Bandry said: *“Our industries continue to face supply chain and production disruptions caused by the COVID-19 second and third waves. But to ensure the resilience of our agri-food chain, farmers and contractors need the machines using transition engines between 56kW and 130kW, planned and produced before the pandemic. Slightly postponing the deadlines avoids that transition engines can no longer be fitted in the machinery in time and are then scrapped.”*

CLIMMAR Secretary General Jelle Bartlema underlines this statement: *“although producers are first in line facing problems in production disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, in second line these problems hits dealerships who are responsible for bringing the right machinery to the customer. Dealerships are in direct contact with their customers and are responsible for the final registration of the machinery. This extension of the deadlines for using transition engines built in 2019 into machinery makes it able to fulfil the needs of the customers which ensures a continuation of a healthy European agri-food chain and thus production”.*

*“Contractors are among the largest customers and direct users of machinery equipped with transition engines. The extension ensures a smoother transition for the entire value chain until its end-users towards a greener and more sustainable agriculture”,* said Jérôme Roche, Secretary General of CEETTAR.

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<sup>1</sup> [2020\\_10\\_27 CEMA – CEETTAR – CLIMMAR joint statement](#)



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### CEMA

CEMA ([www.cema-agri.org](http://www.cema-agri.org)) is the association representing the European agricultural machinery industry. With 10 national member associations, the CEMA network represents both large multinational companies and numerous European SMEs active in this sector. CEMA comprises about 7,000 manufacturers, producing more than 450 different types of machines with an annual turnover of about EUR 40 billion (EU28 - 2016) and 150,000 direct employees. CEMA companies produce a large range of machines that cover any activity in the field from seeding to harvesting as well as equipment for livestock management.

### CEETTAR

The European Confederation of Agricultural, Rural and Forestry Contractors CEETTAR, established in 1961, represents about 150,000 companies and nearly 600,000 workers. It aims to represent the interests of land-based contractors in Europe. In 2014, the European Network of Forestry Entrepreneurs decided to merge with CEETTAR, resulting in a stronger and more representative single organisation representing land-based contractors at EU level.

### CLIMMAR

Founded in 1953, CLIMMAR is the international distributor's network of 16 national associations currently representing 19.185 dealers and 158.799 dealer employees in the European Agricultural Machinery and Equipment sector. CLIMMAR stands for Centre de Liaison International des Marchands de Machines Agricoles et Réparateurs