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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Timmermans  
on behalf of the European Commission  
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Pursuant to Article 6 of Regulation (EU) 2019/631, which was taken over from the previous Regulations (EC) 443/2009 and (EU) 510/2011, pooling is one of the compliance options available to car and van manufacturers. It allows several manufacturers to be considered together as one single manufacturer for the purpose of meeting their CO<sub>2</sub> emission target. A manufacturer may form a pool either with connected manufacturers or with independent manufacturers.

The Commission has no discretion to accept or refuse the formation of a pool, other than ensuring that the requirements under Article 6 are respected.

Up-to-date lists of the existing pools and of intentions expressed by manufacturers to form a pool are publicly available<sup>1</sup>. Participation in a pool is also indicated for each manufacturer in the yearly Commission Decisions confirming the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions data for each calendar year, which is published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

Pooling between manufacturers helps to improve the cost-effectiveness of the policy, without affecting the achievement of the overall environmental objectives of Regulation (EU) 2019/631, which sets CO<sub>2</sub> emission reduction targets at EU fleet-wide level.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/3c090b5c-c2c5-4a7f-a04f-16e66>