

## A clear call for maintaining, modernising and enforcing the MVBER regime

### Statement

**Michael Pedersen (ADPA President & ADPA Competitiveness Working Group Chair), 30 June 2026** - ADPA warmly welcomes the evaluation of the Motor Vehicle Block Exemption Regulation (MVBER) by the European Commission, which is largely in line with ADPA's observations and claims. We have always considered this legislation to be not only essential for our businesses, but also instrumental in the ability of the European independent automotive aftermarket to be a motor for the European automotive sector and, beyond, to be a worldwide leader for the provision of innovative and competitive solutions.

ADPA is particularly satisfied to see that there is an overwhelming consensus about the continued relevance of the MVBER regime. The evaluation report shows clearly that sector-specific competition rules for the automotive aftermarket remain necessary; the Vertical Block Exemption Regulation and the Guidelines on Vertical Restraints would not suffice to address the persistent and systemic issues of this ecosystem. ADPA considers that this clearly justifies for the MVBER to be prolonged beyond 2028, and for a long period.

ADPA also welcomes the recognition that restricted access to technical information and vehicle-generated data is increasingly becoming an issue. The rising complexity of vehicles renders reliable and affordable technical information more necessary than ever to ensure the continuous roadworthiness of vehicles and in particular their safety and their environmental performance. The growing difficulties to access technical information, due to commercial and technical practices, therefore directly impede the objective of "preventing restriction of the ability of independent repairers to compete with the manufacturers' networks". In that respect, ADPA considers that it would be logical and appropriate for a future MVBER regime to further address this topic. In particular, it would be adequate for the regulation itself to contain (as it did in the past) a provision on access to essential inputs. The supplementary guidelines should also provide further clarifications on the proportionality of withholding essential inputs, address undue technical and commercial practices resulting in reduced access to such inputs, upgrade the list of essential inputs to cover access to in-vehicle functions and resources (as vehicle-generated data are not sufficient for the provision of telematics services), and update the list of examples of items of technical information to reflect latest technological developments.

The Evaluation Report should also be a wake-up call for enforcement. While growing concerns have been raised, "enforcement under the current regime has been limited". ADPA suggests competition authorities to monitor market developments closely, as it could help solve persistent issues encountered. This holds true not just for the European Commission but also for National Competition Authorities, especially those with consumer protection powers.

We will continue to work closely with the European Commission and all interested stakeholders to ensure the MVBER regime remains fit for purpose in the future, through targeted and meaningful upgrades which could significantly improve competition and consumer welfare.

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