

## Press Release

### Reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from cars: Size matters!

**Brussels, 11 July 2012:** The European Aluminium Association (EAA) welcomes the Commission proposal in the framework of the revision of the rules on CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from cars but regrets that the proposal is still promoting a mass-based approach.

*"We are disappointed that the Commission has once again proposed a regulation that is not technology neutral, since it maintains the mass based calculation method and gives heavier cars the opportunity to emit more CO<sub>2</sub>,"* said Patrick de Schrynmakers, Secretary General EAA.

The EAA instead supports a technology-neutral calculation method **based on size (footprint) rather than mass** that would showcase the benefits of light-weighting, which is the most straightforward solution to reduce a vehicle's energy consumption and emissions. The impact assessment published by the European Commission also shows that a footprint based regulation would actually be cheaper for the manufacturers than a mass based regulation.

*"A size based regulation encourages light-weighting without downsizing. It will not only have environmental benefits, but have also a positive effect for vehicle safety,"* Mr de Schrynmakers added.

The EAA calls upon the Council and the European Parliament to choose a technology neutral solution for 2020 CO<sub>2</sub> emissions regulation that would be beneficial to everyone.

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#### **About the European Aluminium Association:**

The European Aluminium Association, founded in 1981, represents the European aluminium industry from alumina and primary production to semi-finished and end-use products, through to recycling. The European aluminium industry directly employs about 255,000 people.

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