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## **SCOPE:**

*In directive 2009/126/EC, article 5, clause 3, it is required that*

3. When a service station has installed a Stage II petrol vapour recovery system, Member States shall ensure that it displays a sign, sticker or other notification on, or in the vicinity of, the petrol dispenser, informing consumers of that fact.

*CECOD agree that the most effective way to control compliance with the requirements of the Directive is by placing the marking on the dispenser. Given that Europeans travel between Member States, it makes sense to have a common indication of in all countries. Given that the Directive does not define the required marking, there is a risk that individual Member States could introduce their own country specific requirements if CECOD do not promote something first. The purpose is to inform consumers that the dispenser is “environmentally friendly”, with HC recovery.*

*CECOD members felt communication would be best addressed by a unique “pictogram” understood by all European citizens. This also avoids the need for translations. CECOD designed such a pictogram for the community to use and promote.*

*The pictogram shows a vapour recovery nozzle, in an arrow circle to represent the recycling of the vapours expelled from vehicle tanks during refilling process (designated  $C_xH_y$  as general formula of HC components in fuel vapors).*

*The circle of arrows is either:*

- *Open, when system does not include a monitoring system*
- *Closed, when system does include a monitoring system, capable of one or both of following actions*
  - *Acting on measurements to keep the vapour to petrol ratio within legal limits*
  - *Triggering alarms when the system calibration cannot be held within legal limits*

## 1) Domain – short description of domain

**Sticker to be applied on petrol dispensers with VR2 systems.**

## 2) References to standards

**Directive 2009/126/EC article 5 clause 3.**



## 3) Terms, acronyms and symbols

**VR2: vapor recovery stage 2 system. Such systems are implemented on petrol dispensers to capture the HC vapors expelled from car filler necks during deliveries on petrol stations, and avoid leaving the vapours to escape to the atmosphere.**



#### 4) DEFINITION OF STICKER to comply with directive 2009/126/EC

Sticker 1 is for dispensers using OPEN LOOP systems – NO MONITORING

Sticker 2 is for dispensers using CLOSE LOOP systems – WITH AUTOMATIC MONITORING

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| <p><b>Sticker 1 – OPEN LOOP SYSTEM – NO MONITORING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nozzle in blue loop of arrows, to represent the gas recycling function</li> <li>- Loop of arrows not closed</li> <li>- <math>C_xH_y</math> chemical formula, to indicate that system deals with HC vapors</li> <li>- Suggested minimum size of sticker : 40 mm x 40 mm</li> </ul> | <p><b>Sticker 2 – CLOSE LOOP SYSTEM – WITH MONITORING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nozzle in blue loop of arrows, to represent the gas recycling function</li> <li>- Loop of arrows closed</li> <li>- <math>C_xH_y</math> chemical formula, to indicate that system deals with HC vapors</li> <li>- Suggested minimum size of sticker : 40 mm x 40 mm</li> </ul> |
| <p>2 colors sticker (blue and black)</p>  | <p>2 colors sticker (blue and black)</p>   |
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Sticker to be used on new dispensers as well as on already installed dispensers, to comply with Directive

| B&W sticker   | B&W sticker  |
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| <p>Sticker 3 – OPEN LOOP SYSTEM – NO MONITORING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nozzle in black loop of arrows, to represent the gas recycling function</li> <li>- Loop of arrows not closed</li> <li>- <math>C_xH_y</math> chemical formula, to indicate that system deals with HC vapors</li> <li>- Suggested minimum size of sticker : 40 mm x 40 mm</li> </ul> | <p>Sticker 4 – CLOSE LOOP SYSTEM – WITH MONITORING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nozzle in black loop of arrows, to represent the gas recycling function</li> <li>- Loop of arrows closed</li> <li>- <math>C_xH_y</math> chemical formula, to indicate that system deals with HC vapors</li> <li>- Suggested minimum size of sticker : 40 mm x 40 mm</li> </ul> |
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