

POSITION TECHNIQUE DE LA FILIERE Publiable

RDE TESTS BY "EMISSION ANALYTICS"

1. CONTEXT

Emission Analytics is a company that intends to propose a simplified methodology based on European RDE regulation (EU 2018/1832) to easily gather and publish data on vehicles off-cycle emissions, and to compare vehicles under these conditions.

2. RDE REGULATION

Many stakeholders have spent years to develop a robust regulation for off-cycle emission measurement. This regulation now exists and covers a large amount of external conditions (temperature, altitude), road profiles (speeds, climbs) and driver behaviors (smooth, aggressive).

The results of all certification tests are published and free-of-charge publicly available.

From end of 2019, the first vehicles will be RDE-measured for the In-Service Conformity requirements, and the results will be gathered in an Electronic Platform managed by the European Commission.

3. EMISSION ANALYTICS APPROACH

Starting from the EU regulation, Emission Analytics have developed their own test method, which would allow comparison of real-world emissions data of vehicles.

4. PFA POSITION

The Emission Analytics approach shall be rejected, because:

- RDE tests must represent a large amount of conditions and cannot be resumed to a single test.
- An RDE test gives only a snapshot of the performance of the vehicle in one set of conditions (the conditions of the day of the test).
- RDE test is not a reproducible test but a test in random conditions: traffic, road profile, weather, driving behavior All RDE tests are different and cannot be compared among each other.
- RDE tests cannot be compared to laboratory tests, where all the conditions are reproducible (driving cycle, mass, ...)
- The official robust RDE regulation allows the public to know real emission vehicle performances.
- This EA protocol may lead to misunderstanding with official RDE regulation and can only give a comparison in a short range of conditions.

Note: PFA members and all the manufacturers have quit the EA working group.