

ensure an appropriate level of information of motorists on the ability of their vehicles to use unleaded petrols. The effects of banning the use of leaded regular petrol in small petrol-driven appliances should also be brought to the notice of the consumer by means of suitable information.

9. In this context, the Committee repeats its proposal that unleaded petrol should become effectively available throughout the Community earlier than in 1989 as is mandatory under the terms of Directive 85/210/EEC.

Done at Brussels, 13 May 1987.

*The Chairman*  
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In particular because a steadily increasing number of cars which require unleaded petrol (those equipped with catalytic converters) are already being sold in the Community. But also because the Commission has submitted a proposal concerning the application of new EEC emission standards for cars over 2 000 cc by 1 October 1988 which imply the use of catalytic converters as of this date.

10. Finally, the Committee wishes to reiterate the desirability of a complete elimination of lead from petrol.

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**Opinion on the proposal for a Council Decision on the provisional application between the Community and Switzerland of Sections II and III of the Agreement on the international carriage of passengers by road by means of occasional coach and bus services (ASOR)**

(87/C 180/08)

On 14 April 1987, the Council decided to consult the Economic and Social Committee, under Article 75 of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, on the abovementioned proposal.

The Section for Transport and Communications, which was responsible for preparing the Committee's work on the subject, adopted its Opinion on 8 May 1987, in the light of the report by Mr Bleser.

At its 246th plenary session (meeting of 13 May 1987) the Committee adopted the following Opinion by a majority vote, with one abstention:

1. The Economic and Social Committee approves the Commission's proposal to accept Switzerland's request to bring forward the date on which the provisions of Sections II and III of the ASOR are to apply to Switzerland.

2. The Committee agrees with the Commission that there are good grounds for bringing forward this date

by four months. Above all, the implementation of the provisions on 1 August, i.e. in the middle of the tourist season, would cause practical and economic problems.

3. However, the Committee cannot accept the new date proposed, viz. 1 April 1987, and suggests 1 June 1987 instead so that the Council can consult the Committee and the European Parliament before taking its decision.

Done at Brussels, 13 May 1987.

*The Chairman*  
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