

EU countries approve 2035 phaseout of CO2-emitting cars

Brussels, Tuesday

EUROPEAN Union countries gave final approval on Tuesday to a landmark law to end sales of new CO2-emitting cars in 2035, after Germany won an exemption for cars running on e-fuels.

The approval from EU countries' energy ministers means Europe's main climate policy for cars can now enter into force - after weeks of delay caused by last-minute opposition from Germany.

The EU law will require all new cars sold to have zero CO2 emissions from 2035, and 55 per cent lower CO2 emissions from 2030, versus 2021 levels. The targets are designed to drive the rapid decarbonisation of new car fleets in Europe.

The European Commission has pledged, however, to create a legal route for sales of new cars that only run on e-fuels to continue after 2035, after Germany demanded this exemption from the ban.

The EU policy had been expected to make it impossible to sell combustion engine cars in the EU from 2035. But the exemption won by Germany offers

a potential lifeline to traditional vehicles - although e-fuels are not yet produced at scale.

E-fuels are produced by synthesising captured CO2 emissions and hydrogen produced using CO2-free electricity. They are considered carbon neutral because the CO2 released when the fuel is combusted is balanced by the CO2 removed from the atmosphere to produce the fuel.

Poland voted against the law on Tuesday. Italy, Bulgaria and Romania abstained. Poland had called the law unrealistic and said it risked increasing car prices, while Italy had wanted cars running on biofuels to also be exempted from the 2035 phaseout.

Transport accounts for nearly a quarter of EU emissions.

Porsche and Ferrari are among the supporters of e-fuels, which they see as a way to avoid their vehicles being weighed down by heavy batteries.

Other carmakers including Volkswagen, Mercedes-Benz and Ford are betting on battery-electric vehicles to decarbonise, and some firms had urged EU countries not to row back the 2035 phase-out.

French government rejects union demand to rethink pension bill

Paris, Tuesday

PRESIDENT Emmanuel Macron's government on Tuesday rejected a new demand by unions to rethink a deeply unpopular pension bill, infuriating labour leaders who said the government must find a way out of the crisis.

Meanwhile, as protesters across France staged generally peaceful marches on a tenth nationwide day of strikes and protests, clashes broke out in some areas.

In the western city of Nantes, the boarded-up front of a BNP Paribas bank branch was set on fire. Also in western France, protesters blocked the Rennes ring road and set an abandoned car on fire. In the Normandy city of Rouen, authorities confirmed clashes had occurred.

"We have proposed a way out ... and it's intolerable that we are being stonewalled again," the head of the CFDT union, Laurent Berger, told reporters at the start of a rally in Paris.

He and other union lead-

ers had again urged the government to suspend the bill, this time suggesting the use of outside mediators, as the government and unions remain far apart.

But hours later, government spokesman Olivier Veran rejected the idea, saying the cabinet was willing to discuss other policy changes, but not review the pension bill.

Millions of people have been demonstrating and joining strike action since mid-January to show their opposition to Macron's plans to make most of them work an extra two years to 64.

But public frustration has evolved into broader anti-Macron sentiment.

In particular, the protests have intensified since the government used special powers to push the bill through parliament without a vote.

In the last big day of protests on Thursday, "Black Bloc" anarchists smashed shop windows, demolished bus stops and ransacked a McDonald's restaurant in Paris, with similar violence in other cities.

Prince Harry attends UK court again in phone-tapping, privacy case

London, Tuesday

BRITAIN'S Prince Harry appeared for a second day at London's High Court on Tuesday, where he and six other high-profile figures are suing the publisher of the Daily Mail tabloid newspaper over phone-hacking and other privacy breaches.

Harry, the son of King Charles, was joined by singer Elton John, his husband David Furnish, actors Sadie Frost and Liz Hurley, campaigner Doreen Lawrence, whose son was murdered in a racist attack, and former lawmaker Simon Hughes, at court on Monday for the start of a four-day preliminary hearing in their case against Associated Newspapers.

They allege they were the victims of "numerous unlawful

acts" carried out by journalists or private investigators working on behalf of Associated titles, the Daily Mail and the Mail on Sunday.

These include the hacking of mobile phone messages, the bugging of phone calls, obtaining private information by deception or "blagging", and "commissioning the breaking and entry into private property" over a possible 25-year period, according to their lawyers and court documents.

Associated categorically denies the allegations. It is seeking to have the case thrown out, arguing the claims fall outside a time limit for legal action, and that some breach an order made during a year-long public inquiry into press standards which began in 2011.



UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND TOURISM
TANZANIA FOREST SERVICES (TFS) AGENCY



SALES OF STANDING TEAK TREES BY ELECTRONIC AUCTION

The Tanzania Forest Services Agency (TFS) will sell standing teak trees with **5,948.116 m³** located at Longuza Forest Plantation, Muheza in Tanga Region. The trees' volumes are grouped in 59 plots. Thus, the Agency is informing the public that:

- Teak trees will be sold through electronic auction in accordance with Regulation 31 (ii) of the Forest Regulations (2004). The auction will take place on **Wednesday, 12th April 2023** for Longuza Forest Plantation. The auction will start at 07:00Hrs until 16:00Hrs in the evening.
- In order to participate in the auction, the participant will be required to register through the following address <http://mis.tfs.go.tz/e-auction> from the date of this advertisement until 23:00Hrs of **8th April 2023** on **Saturday**. For online registration assistance, contact +255 713 335 926 or +255 766 857 062.
- Participants are invited to inspect the standing trees in the field during working hours from 9:00Hrs to 15:00Hrs local time on Monday to Friday except holidays. The inspection will last from the date of advertisement to **5th April 2023** on **Wednesday**. Principal Conservator of Longuza Forest Plantation or staff appointed by the Conservator will be available to provide additional information on plots including harvesting conditions.

Conditions for participating in this auction

The participant must register and confirm his/her participation and therefore/she will have agreed to the following terms: -

- Each plot will be auctioned exclusively depending on its price and existing volume. Plots arranged in lots will be set to appear for two (2) hours and 15 minutes only for each lot.
 - A participant shall be able to confirm his/her participation after registration up to at least five (5) minutes (at 06:55Hrs) before auction start time.
- NB:** Confirmation during the auction will automatically be rejected.
- All payments should be made through banks or financial service providers' networks after receiving a bill generated by the Government Electronic Payment Gateway (GePG) that will be available in the participant's account in the electronic auction system.
 - The successful participant shall pay twenty five percent (25 %) of the total value within three (3) working days counted after the day of the auction, which is non-refundable if the buyer fails to pay the remaining balance within the prescribed payment period. The buyer will be allowed to pay more than 25 % of the value for any plot once he/she has completed initial payments of 25 % for all bought plots. The remaining seventy five percent (75 %) shall be paid within fourteen (14) days from the day of the auction.
 - All successful participants should note that it is prohibited to export the logs as per regulation 50 (1) of the Forest Regulations of 2004.
 - The successful participant shall submit to the Forest Plantation Conservator evidence of the deposited amount not later than three (3) days after payment.

- The successful buyer is obliged to clear-fell and remove the volume of trees awarded within two months (**sixty days**) after payment of the total value. However, in case of challenges be it technical or natural; an official letter must be submitted to the Forest Plantation Conservator for considerations.

- The standing teak trees are to be sold on "as is where is" basis and TFS shall have no further liability after the sales.

Roles and responsibilities of TFS

The Agency (TFS) will;

- Allocate plots for sale as shown in Table with volumes and floor prices (royalty only) and
- Award a winning letter and bill to the highest bidder in each plot just after auction time lapse.

Plots of Teak trees that will be auctioned are listed in the following table: -

A TABLE OF PLOTS FOR SALE AT LONGUZA FOREST PLANTATION

S/No.	PLOT NAME	VOLUME PER PLOT (M ³)	FLOOR PRICE PER VOLUME (Tsh/M ³)	LOT NUMBER
1	KH1 - t25	79.719	693,000.00	Lot No. 1 for 2 hours and 15 minutes
2	KH1 - C1	75.029	693,000.00	
3	KH1 - C2	72.711	693,000.00	
4	KH1 - C3	56.484	693,000.00	
5	KH1 - C4	65.239	693,000.00	
6	KH1 - C5	62.655	693,000.00	
7	KH1 - C6	79.469	693,000.00	
8	KH1 - C7	61.770	693,000.00	
9	KH1 - C8	56.955	693,000.00	
10	KH1 - C9	73.487	720,000.00	
11	KH1 - C10	51.750	693,000.00	
12	KH1 - C11	52.260	693,000.00	
13	KH1 - C12	61.381	693,000.00	
14	KH1 - C13	67.262	693,000.00	
15	KH1 - C14	59.489	693,000.00	
16	KH1 - C15	37.963	693,000.00	Lot No. 2 for 2 hours and 15 minutes
17	KH1 - C16	52.264	693,000.00	
18	KH1 - C17	67.810	693,000.00	
19	KH1 - C18	79.973	693,000.00	
20	KH1 - C19	110.029	720,000.00	
21	KH1 - C20	57.459	693,000.00	
22	KH1 - C23	123.771	720,000.00	
23	KH1 - C24	92.919	720,000.00	
24	KH1 - C25	78.762	693,000.00	
25	KH1 - C26	74.660	693,000.00	
26	KH1 - C27	86.705	693,000.00	
27	KH1 - C28	96.311	720,000.00	
28	KH1 - C29	90.348	693,000.00	
29	KH1 - C30	106.750	720,000.00	
30	KH1 - C31	75.344	693,000.00	Lot No. 3 for 2 hours and 15 minutes
31	KH1 - C32	94.121	693,000.00	
32	KH1 - C33	82.108	693,000.00	
33	KH1 - C34	110.526	693,000.00	
34	KH1 - C35	91.207	720,000.00	
35	KH1 - C36	76.509	693,000.00	
36	KH1 - C37	93.978	720,000.00	
37	KH1 - C38	92.189	720,000.00	
38	KH1 - C41	92.817	720,000.00	
39	KH1 - C42	73.518	693,000.00	
40	KH1 - C45	106.892	720,000.00	
41	KH1 - C46	118.945	720,000.00	
42	KH1 - C47	137.744	720,000.00	
43	KH1 - C48	125.704	720,000.00	
44	KH1 - C49	107.874	720,000.00	
45	KH1 - C50	121.646	720,000.00	Lot No. 4 for 2 hours and 15 minutes
46	KH1 - C51	107.822	720,000.00	
47	KH1 - C52	162.437	720,000.00	
48	KH1 - C53	147.708	720,000.00	
49	KH1 - C55	155.088	720,000.00	
50	KH1 - C56	186.985	720,000.00	
51	KH1 - C63	200.075	720,000.00	
52	KH1 - C67	181.154	720,000.00	
53	KH1 - C72	150.289	720,000.00	
54	KH1 - C73	165.975	720,000.00	
55	KH1 - C74	104.707	720,000.00	
56	KH1 - C75	130.492	720,000.00	
57	KH1 - C76	150.258	720,000.00	
58	KH1 - C77	234.901	720,000.00	
59	KH1 - C78	137.719	720,000.00	
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