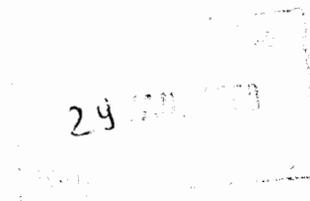




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Subject: eCall Standardisation

Dear Dr Weigel,

As you know, a standardised technical solution for the transmission of the eCall Minimum Set of Data (MSD) is of paramount importance to trigger the introduction of the pan-European in-vehicle emergency call service (eCall) in all vehicles in Europe. The approved technical specifications are needed urgently by both the Member States and by the industry, to be incorporated into the design of the eCall service.

I would like to thank ETSI MSG for the work carried out so far to develop the required standards. I would also like to thank 3GPP Technical Subgroup Service and System Aspects (SA), in particular its Working Groups 1 and 4, for the work carried out in support of ETSI MSG concerning the development of the related technical specifications.

However, I have to insist on the importance of completing the related technical specifications as soon as possible. There have already been several delays in the eCall standardisation; further delay would not be acceptable, as this would mean postponing even further the benefits that the introduction of eCall will bring to the European citizens.

In this respect, we hope that ETSI MSG and 3GPP SA experts will produce the eCall related standards according to the agreed workplan, without further delay.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fabio Colasanti', written in a cursive style.

Fabio Colasanti

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