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Reducing Emissions from Cooling Units in Road Transport

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### Introduction



- > Sustainability is key
- Good work on emission standards for cars and trucks
- > It makes no sense to only focus on trucks if a substantial part of the harmful emissions comes from something else: cooling units

# Background



- Cooling units are attached to about 20% of the total HD-fleet, a large share of them <19kW</li>
- Most cargo also must be actively cooled when the truck is not in use
- Deployment of cooling units often in urban areas
- Renewal ratio of cooling units lower than trucks





- Total particulate matter emissions from cooling units are about the same as total PM emissions from trucks (with only 20% equipped)
- Indications that a diesel cooling unit <19kW on road transport on average emits
  5-10 times the PM of a Euro VI diesel truck\*

Sources: https://www.emissieregistratie.nl/

TNO report 2021 R10221 - *Real-world emissions of NRMM* TNO report 2022 R10375 - *Dutch In-service Emissions Measurement and Monitoring HDV* Zemo Partnership - *Emissions Testing of Two Auxiliary Transport Refrigeration Units* 

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- Total NOx emissions of cooling units are about 25% of total NOx emissions from trucks
- Indications that a diesel cooling unit <19kW on road transport on average emits
  1,5 times the NOx of a Euro VI diesel truck\*

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# Effects and policy



- Highly concentrated emissions in city centers, while loading and unloading
- Difficult to measure, registration not standardized
- Harmful health effects require further research, but expectations are high

#### Next steps



- Reducing emissions for cooling units on road transport
- Alternatives are available, new solutions should be cost-effective
- We appreciate any data or studies around emissions of cooling units
- Are there initiatives or ideas from contracting parties?
- Future informal working group/task force?

### Innovations



- > Be inspired by possibilities
  - Hybrid system (less diesel usage)
  - Fully electric systems
  - Regenerative braking on trailers for cooling and propulsion
  - Solar panels
  - Insulation of cooled compartments



## Conclusion

- Stong indications that cooling units <19kW have excessive PM and NOx emissions compared to new diesel trucks
- > Do you have any data or reports available?
- > Are there initiatives or ideas from contracting parties?
- Reduce emissions, stimulate innovations, and have a positive impact on our environment and our world!