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Automotive Sector Specification Public Commenting Period

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Introduction

Welcome to the Science Based Targets initiative's (SBTi) public comment survey on the Automotive Sector Specification and its accompanying documentation, which complement the Corporate Net-Zero Standard Version 2.0 (CNZS V2) by setting out sector-specific requirements and pathways for the automotive sector.

This survey invites external stakeholders to provide any final feedback on the Automotive Sector Specification, including changes made since the previously published version. The goal of this process is to provide stakeholders with an opportunity to raise any remaining comments or concerns before the Specification is finalized for publication.

We welcome comments from all stakeholders with an interest in the Automotive Sector Specification. Stakeholders may focus on the aspects most relevant to them and are welcome to share any final comments or concerns ahead of publication.

You can access the Automotive Sector Specification and its accompanying documentation here.

Survey objectives

The primary aims of this consultation survey are to:

- Gather feedback from external stakeholders on key aspects of the draft Automotive Sector Specification assess the proposed approach and identify any areas requiring further clarification or refinement.
- Receive feedback on specific topics identified as priorities through the development process so far:
    - The function of the alternative battery emissions target.
    - The design and ambition of the new pathways.
    - The alternative option for target-setting.
    - The interoperability of the Automotive Sector Specification with the CNZS V2.
    - Areas of interest for the Explanatory Guidance.
- Engage external stakeholders in the development process and identify opportunities to improve the clarity and implementation of the Automotive Sector Specification.

What to expect from the survey

The first survey section requests contact information that is being collected to aid SBTi in analyzing the feedback.

After, you will be asked to provide feedback on key changes to the draft Automotive Sector Specification and related guidance.

Please note, you are not required to answer all the survey questions and you can skip questions, should you wish.

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The results of this survey will be made publicly available, but may be published at the stakeholder (rather than individual respondent) level. For example, companies may be identified as the stakeholder group *"Company"* rather than *"ABC Corp"*.

All feedback will be reviewed to assess the proposed approach and identify any areas requiring further clarification or refinement. To help SBTi understand perspectives across different stakeholder groups, we kindly ask you to provide information about your organization.

Respondents are encouraged to provide their own original inputs to the survey. While we recognize that AI tools may be used for translations or refinements, responses that are entirely AI-generated or bot-generated without original input may be subject to further review and potential exclusion from the analysis. SBTi reserves the right to exclude submissions that it reasonably deems to be entirely AI- or bot-generated from analysis.

For queries relating to this survey, please contact transport@sciencebasedtargets.org.

Stakeholders are strongly encouraged to submit their feedback via the official public commenting period survey, which is the primary channel through which submissions will be reviewed and analyzed. In cases where stakeholders are submitting consolidated or aggregate feedback that cannot reasonably be submitted through the online survey, these may be sent to transport@sciencebasedtargets.org. When providing feedback by email, please ensure that:

- Each comment clearly references the relevant section or criterion of the Sector Specification, and
- It is specified whether the submission can be made public as part of the consultation summary.

Please note that **feedback submitted outside the official consultation channels and unclear or incomplete submissions may not be reviewed or considered** as part of the commenting period process.

Disclaimer and data privacy

Please note that any personal data you provide will remain confidential and will be processed in accordance with all relevant SBTi policies, including but not limited to Data Privacy Policy and all relevant and applicable data protection and data privacy regulations and legislation. All information collected by the SBTi will be used solely for the purposes of the Automotive Sector Specification Public Commenting Period, except where participants have provided explicit consent for other uses. The SBTi shall retain information in accordance with its Data Privacy Policy, Standard Operating Procedure, or any regulatory or legislative requirements.

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About you

1. First name
2. Last name
3. Job title
4. Email
5. Confirm email
6. Organization name
7. Organization sector
    - Automaker
    - Powertrain suppliers
    - NGO
    - Other
    - N/A
8. Type of organization
    - Corporate (Private Sector)
    - Financial Institutions
    - Professional Services & Consultancies
    - Industry Associations & Business Networks
    - Government & Public Sector
    - State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs)
    - Multilateral & International Organizations
    - Academia, Research Institutions & Think Tanks
    - Civil Society & Advocacy NGOs
    - Service-Oriented Non-Profits & Foundations
    - Standard-Setting Bodies
    - N/A - responding as an individual
    - Media & Journalism
    - Labor Unions & Worker Organizations

9. What country is your organization headquartered in? If you are responding in a personal capacity, please select the country where you are based.

10. In which regions does your organization have significant operations or value chain activities?
    - North America
    - South America
    - Europe
    - Africa
    - Asia
    - Oceania

11. Are you responding to this survey based on your experience and understanding of:
    - Your own organization
    - A specific client

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- Your experience with a range of organizations

12. Results of this commenting period will be made publicly available but may be anonymized to the stakeholder group level. For example, "ABC Corporation" becomes "Company". Would you like to be anonymized?*
    - Yes, I wish to remain anonymous
    - No

General introductory questions

13. Are you a current or previous SBTi advisory or working group member?
    - Yes
    - No

14. If so, which group? (select as many as are relevant)
    - Scientific Advisory Group
    - Technical Advisory Group
    - Automotive Expert Advisory Group
    - CNZS V2.0 Expert Working Groups
    - BVCM Expert Advisory Group
    - MRV Expert Advisory Group
    - Net-Zero V1.0 Expert Advisory Group
    - Financial Institutions Expert Advisory Group
    - Other sector-specific advisory group

Automotive Sector Specification

15. Do you find the alignment between Corporate Net-Zero Standard V2.0 and the Automotive Sector Specification sufficiently clear to be applied efficiently in parallel?
    - Yes
    - No
    - (please specify)

16. Does the revised definition of “powertrain supplier” accurately reflect the intended inclusion of suppliers of both complete internal combustion and electric powertrain systems?
    Powertrain Supplier Definition: A company that designs, manufactures, and/or supplies complete systems related to the powertrain of a vehicle. This includes technologies responsible for generating and delivering power to the wheels, such as internal combustion engines, electric motors, and batteries.
    - Yes
    - No
    - (please specify)

17. Do the proposed vehicle categories (passenger cars, LCVs, buses, medium trucks, heavy trucks and 2&3 wheelers) and global regions (Other Advanced Economies; China Region [China and Hong Kong]; Emerging Markets and Developing Economies (EMDEs); Europe; and North America) adequately represent the diversity of the automotive sector for target-setting purposes?
    - Yes

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- No
- (please specify)

18. Is the proposed requirement for companies to set separate targets for each applicable vehicle category and global region clear and applicable for target-setting?
    - Yes
    - No
    - (please specify)

19. Is it clear that companies may aggregate their targets for communication purposes, while target achievement is assessed considering the specific barriers and dependencies in each region?
    - Yes
    - No
    - (please specify)

20. Does the new alignment target option based on use of low-carbon electricity during production of batteries provide a feasible and appropriate alternative for addressing upstream (scope 3 category 1) emissions from purchased batteries? *See AUTO-C6.4*
    - Yes
    - No
    - (please specify)

21. Is the intended function and rationale of the alternative target for scope 3 category 1 emissions from battery production sufficiently clear? *See AUTO-C6.4*
    - Yes
    - No
    - (please specify)

22. Are the conditions for allowing companies facing material barriers to use the alternative near-term target setting option for scope 3, category 11 emissions from sold road vehicles adequate to ensure continued emissions reductions? *See AUTO-C4.3*
    - Yes
    - No
    - (please specify)

23. Are the proposed conditions and requirements for setting an alternative near-term target sufficiently clear to allow its implementation by users?
    - Yes
    - No
    - (please specify)

24. Are the circumstances in which companies may use company-specific data in place of default assumptions sufficiently clear? *See AUTO-C5*
    - Yes

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- No
- (please specify)

Automotive Sector Pathways

25. Are there any aspects of the proposed automotive sector pathways that may be inconsistent with the SBTi's goal of reaching global net-zero emissions by 2050?
    - Yes
    - No
    - (please specify)

26. Are the proposed automotive sector pathways sufficiently clear to support their practical application by users?

    - Yes
    - No
    - (please specify)

Informative Guidance

27. The SBTi will publish Explanatory Guidance to accompany the Automotive Sector Specification. The topics identified for the Guidance are as follows:

    - **Justification for the Automotive Sector Pathways and Sector Specification:** The rationale behind the development of the Automotive Sector Specification
    - **Background on regional groupings:** How the global regions were defined and the rationale behind the grouping of countries and markets.
    - **WTW emissions intensity calculation methodology and reference data**: Description of the methodology for calculating WTW emissions intensity during the use phase of sold road vehicles and/or powertrains. Further detail on the minimum calculation steps in the Specification is provided to promote consistency and comparability across companies, regions, and reference pathways.
    - **Background on reference data provided in the Guidance:** Additional context on the sources and assumptions underlying the reference data provided.
    - **Worked example of the material barriers for the alternative target:** A practical example illustrating eligible material barriers and how companies can apply the requirements for setting an alternative near-term target.

    Are these Explanatory Guidance topics appropriate to support the implementation of the Automotive Sector Specification?
    - Yes
    - No
    - (please specify)

28. Are there any additional topics or areas that should be covered in the Explanatory Guidance?
    - Yes
    - No

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- (please specify)

Closing section

29. Do you have any additional feedback on the Automotive Sector Specification and Pathways?
    (limited text box)

30. How did you find out about this public commenting period? (Select all that apply)
    - Bluesky
    - Directly from SBTi staff
    - LinkedIn
    - News
    - SBTi event or webinar
    - Other event or webinar
    - SBTi newsletter
    - SBTi website
    - Search engine
    - Word of mouth
    - X
    - Other (please specify)

31. SBTi would like to keep you updated on the development of the Automotive Sector Specification, as well as other opportunities to provide feedback. Do you consent to being contacted by the SBTi for this purpose?
    - Yes
    - No

32. If you do not already receive the SBTi newsletter, would you like to sign up to stay informed with the latest news from the SBTi?
    - Yes
    - No

33. How easy was it to access and complete this survey?
    - Very easy
    - Somewhat easy
    - Neither easy nor difficult
    - Somewhat difficult
    - Very difficult

Thank you for completing this public comment survey!

Your feedback is crucial in helping us develop a practical and robust Sector Specification that supports businesses and drives faster climate action.

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