

Car Claim Foundation also files class action suit in Dutch court against Peugeot, Citroën, DS and Opel in Dieselgate scandal

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Today, the Car Claim Foundation, the collective interest group that represents the interests of the car drivers affected by the diesel emission scandal, issued a summons against the car manufacturers of the Peugeot, Citroën, DS and Opel brands. *“Around 300,000 Dutch cars of these brands contain manipulation software. The type approvals issued for these manipulated cars – in the Netherlands and elsewhere – are in breach of European laws and regulations.”*

Based on various research reports and emission tests, the Foundation has been able to establish that diesel cars of the Peugeot, Citroën, DS and Opel brands come equipped with prohibited manipulation software. This allowed them to artificially meet the emission standards of the type approval tests. Outside test conditions, the functioning of the emission control systems is significantly limited and most of the time the cars emit up to 18 times more NOx than legally permitted.

Guido van Woerkom (Chairman, Car Claim): *“Car drivers who thought they were paying for a combination of driving comfort and sustainability have been unpleasantly surprised. They have bought defective products that do not comply with the law. Consumers are therefore entitled to compensation.”*

France has already brought criminal action against Peugeot and Citroën. In Germany, Opel recently reached a multimillion-euro settlement to escape criminal liability.

Van Woerkom: *“The involvement of these car manufacturers shows once again that this is a persistent industry problem. Car manufacturers have a joint responsibility to contribute to solutions for social problems such as climate pollution, in which the diesel scandal plays a significant role. Doing nothing and turning a blind eye is not an option.”*

In this class action, the Car Claim Foundation represents all car drivers who bought or leased a manipulated diesel car between 1 September 2009 to 1 September 2019. It is estimated that in the Netherlands at least 300,000 cars have been affected. The financial interest of the proceedings could be as high as three billion euros. The proceedings are also directed against the Dutch distributor and the Dutch car dealers of Peugeot, Citroën, DS and Opel. The Dutch parent company Stellantis and General Motors, of which Opel was part until 1 August 2017, have also been summoned. A copy of the summons is available through [this link](#).

About the Car Claim foundation

The Car Claim Foundation was established in October 2015. The Foundation represents the interests of the car drivers affected by the diesel emission scandal. Earlier, the Car Claim Foundation launched collective actions against Volkswagen, Audi, Seat, Skoda, Daimler, Renault and Dacia. The procedure against Volkswagen, Audi, Seat and Skoda resulted in a positive ruling last summer. The Amsterdam Court ruled that the car manufacturers had acted wrongfully towards the affected car drivers and that the car drivers had paid too much for newly bought and second-hand manipulated diesels.

Affected car drivers (including business parties) can register with the Car Claim Foundation via www.derclaim.nl.



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