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The Minister of Transport is calling for all Citroen C3 and DS3 vehicles with a Takata airbag to be taken off the road. The Takata airbag has been involved in the deaths of ten motorists, the most recent being that of a woman in Reims last week. Philippe Tabarot now says that Citroen executives should implement the STOP DRIVE measure for all cars fitted with that model airbag.

Today, representatives in the Assemblée Nationale will be voting on what was dubbed the “economic simplification bill”. The bill had been intended to cut the red tape involved in running a business, yet even those close to Emmanuel Macron now say that they will be voting against the version under discussion today as it has strayed too far from its original objective. Meanwhile, those on the left have said they will not accept proposals such as the abolition of low-emission zones.

In the European Parliament, the abolition of the statute of limitations for sexual violence against minors was adopted by MEPs this afternoon, while laws still vary widely across the 27 EU states. Some countries have already moved to abolish the statute of limitations in these circumstances completely, while in France, once the victim has reached adulthood, the statute of limitations for rape is 30 years.

And finally, to football and the UEFA European Under-21 Championship – after narrowly avoiding elimination against Georgia, France’s team Les Bleuets now has its final group stage match coming up at 6pm this evening against Poland. France’s young players are currently second in Group C after one win and one draw.