

**Question for written answer E-011200/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Offer of services linked to rewinding tachometer in the EU

In the Czech Republic there is a continuing problem in the second-hand vehicles market of tachometer rewinding services being offered. According to available information concerning the origin and history of vehicles in the Czech Republic, last year around 220 000 vehicles had their tachometers rewound, most commonly by as much as 100 000 accrued kilometres. Moreover in the purchase contract for a second-hand vehicle, sellers of second-hand vehicles often include a section in which they abjure responsibility for the state of the vehicle's tachometer, whereby they de facto bar any claim on the part of the customer. According to available information, on Czech roads an average of half a million vehicles with a rewound tachometer are in use. The age and degree of wear of a vehicle have a direct bearing on its driving and safety properties, and ignorance of the technical state of a vehicle gives rise to a direct threat to both drivers and other travellers in a vehicle, as well as to every other person engaging in road transport.

In the Czech Republic there is currently no legislative instrument which would directly prohibit offering services linked to rewinding a tachometer.

In the light of current European legislation, and particularly the newly adopted Directive on periodic roadworthiness tests for vehicles 2014/45/EU:

Is it legal in the European Union to offer services linked to the rewinding of a tachometer?

What recommendations and examples of good practice can the Commission suggest to the Czech Republic to resolve this serious problem in the field of road transport safety?