

**Question for written answer E-002809/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Use of polycarbonate for making driving licences

Directive 2006/126/EC of the Parliament and of the Council on driving licences has been transposed into Italian law with Legislative Decree No 59 of 18 April 2011. In accordance with Annex 1, 'The physical characteristics of the card of the Community model driving licence are compliant with ISO 7810 and ISO 7816/1 standards. The card is made of polycarbonate'.

Given that the Decree of the Ministry of the Interior dated 23 December 2015 establishes that 'the EIC (electronic identity card, niobium) is composed of plastic materials that are compatible with the technological instruments contained in it, as well as with the customisation systems used', can the Commission state:

- The reason why the use of polycarbonate in the manufacturing stage is only required for the driving licence;
- Whether the impact of this requirement on public expenditure has been analysed, given the market price differential between polycarbonate and other more economical plastic materials?