

**Question for written answer E-004562/2016
to the Commission**

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Subject: Mutual recognition of certificates of conformity for specially adapted vehicles

Many EU citizens who own specially adapted vehicles which have been issued with a certificate of conformity in accordance with the vehicle registration law of a Member State encounter problems in securing recognition of that certificate in another Member State.

Whilst recognition is automatic between France and Belgium or between Belgium and Germany, the Spanish vehicle registration authorities insist on a completely new certification procedure before issuing a certificate of conformity for a specially adapted vehicle which has already been registered in Belgium.

This inflexible attitude is particularly unfair towards owners of vehicles adapted to transport persons in a wheelchair, who are required to bear the cost of a new conformity procedure.

It would seem that EU law authorises the vehicle registration authorities of a Member State not to recognise the conformity of a specially adapted vehicle which has been issued with a conformity certificate in another Member State.

1. Can this automatic non-recognition be seen as a barrier to the completion of the internal market?
2. Will the Commission introduce a single conformity certificate for specially adapted vehicles so that EU citizens are not required to bear the additional costs stemming from automatic non-recognition?