

**Question for written answer E-000463/2018  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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**Subject:** Initial qualification and periodic training of drivers of certain road vehicles for the carriage of goods and passengers and driving licences

Ref. Proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending directives 2003/59/EC and 2006/126/EC (COM(2017)0047).

Article 3(1) (Qualification and training) of Directive 2003/59/EC states that Member States shall choose between two options for a system of initial qualification, (i) and (ii).

At EU level, both systems are recognised equally and legally acceptable, but the wording may lead to an interpretation that at Member State level only one of the systems can be implemented. If a Member State is obliged to choose between systems, it will create inequality between drivers within a Member State and between Member States.

1. How does the Commission interpret the text? Can both systems exist in parallel within a single Member State?
2. How have the Member States implemented Article 3(1)? Have any Member States chosen to accept both systems?
3. What action would the Commission take if a Member State chose to accept both systems?