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## **Car re-registration in the EU: internal market MEPs update their position**

**Re-registering your car or motorbike when you move to another EU country would be made easier by draft EU rule changes, voted by MEPs on the Internal market committee on Wednesday (26 votes to 1 and 9 abstentions). They updated the position voted by IMCO on March 2014 by deleting some controversial amendments on car plate's colour thus hoping it could help to encourage the Council to finalise their position and to get back to negotiating table.**

Re-registering a car in another EU country is one of the 20 key single market concerns cited by citizens. The European Commission estimates that simplifying the process could save business and citizens almost €1.5 billion a year.

"The Council asked for a formal Parliament position before moving forward. With this vote, today, we have removed all formal barriers from our side. We have a position and we have a majority willing to enter into negotiations so that we may begin delivering to our citizens what they have asked of us, less bureaucracy. I hope this will soon be the case in the Council as well", said rapporteur Dita Charanzová (ALDE, CZ).

MEPs retained the proposal of a previous term committee to set a three-month deadline for citizens to re-register their vehicles when moving their normal residence to a different EU member state. The deadline would be reduced to 30 days in cases where a member state enables citizens to file registration applications online.

Internal market MEPs deleted the controversial amendments on car plate's tags and colour, which were proposing the Commission to consider the possibility of equipping vehicles with identification tags and number plates in common colours.

### **Links**

Internal market and consumer protection committee

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