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RECOMMENDATION FOR SECOND READING

on the proposal for a Council Directive on registration documents for vehicles and their trailers (11408/1/98 - C4-0613/98 - 97/0150(SYN))

Committee on Transport and Tourism

Rapporteur: Mr Jean-Pierre Bazin

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(Amendment ##)
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PROCEDURAL PAGE

At its sitting of 28 May 1998 Parliament delivered its opinion at first reading on the proposal for a Council Directive on the registration documents for vehicles.

At the sitting of 19 November 1998 the President of Parliament announced that the common position had been received and referred to the Committee on Transport and Tourism.

At its meeting of 8 December 1997 the committee had appointed Mr Jean-Pierre Bazin rapporteur.

It considered the common position and the draft recommendation for second reading at its meeting of 20 January 1999.

At this meeting it adopted the draft decision unanimously.

The following took part in the vote: Bazin, chairman and rapporteur; Wijzenbeek, vice-chairman; Aparicio Sánchez, Baldarelli, Castricum, Cornelissen, Van Dam, Donnay, Grosch, Jarzembowski, Lagendijk, Lataillade (for Killilea), McIntosh, Megahy, Moreau, Morris (for Seal), Sarlis, Schierhuber (for Langenhagen), Schlechter, Schmidbauer, Stenmarck and Watts.

The recommendation for second reading was tabled on 25 January 1999.

The deadline for tabling amendments to the common position or proposals to reject it will be indicated in the draft agenda for the relevant part-session.

A
DRAFT DECISION

Decision on the common position adopted by the Council with a view to adopting a Council Directive (EC) on the registration documents for vehicles (11408/1/98 - C4-0613/98 - 97/0150(SYN))

(Cooperation procedure: second reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the common position of the Council, 11408/1/98 - 97/0150(SYN),
 - having regard to its opinion at first reading⁽¹⁾ on the Commission proposal to the Council, COM(97)0248(),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 189c and 75(1) of the EC Treaty (C4-0613/98),
 - having regard to Rule 67 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the recommendation for second reading of the Committee on Transport and Tourism (A4-0033/96),
1. Amends the common position as follows;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Council and Commission.

Common position of the Council

Amendments by Parliament

(Amendment 1)
Annex I, Part I, section VI, point E (new)

E) The vehicle has secret identification markings.

(Amendment 2)
Annex II, Part II, section VI, point E (new)

E) The vehicle has secret identification markings.

⁽¹⁾ on the Commission proposal to the Council, COM(97)0248() OJ C 195, 28.5.1998, p. 11

⁽²⁾ OJ C 202, 2.7.1997, p. 13

B **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

I. INTRODUCTION

- The 1968 Vienna Convention concluded within the framework of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN-ECE) provides for a minimum amount of information to be set out in the registration certificate for motor vehicles in Europe. However, only nine Member States of the EC have signed and ratified this convention, four have signed but not ratified it, and two have not signed it.

To achieve harmonisation within the European Community, the Commission proposes that the list set out in the Vienna Convention should be transposed, *mutatis mutandis*, into European legislation. Though desirable for European citizens travelling abroad (within the EU) with their vehicles and for the supervisory authorities, this harmonisation cannot be complete since it encounters major obstacles of an administrative and legal nature at the various national levels.

II. COMMENTS

- At first reading the European Parliament tabled amendments essentially seeking to enable fraud to be combated more effectively where the registration certificate is concerned, with the underlying goal of more advanced harmonisation and more exchanges of information between the national and European authorities (Amendment 4). This amendment has been included in the common position. Amendment 5, which concerns a reference to the engine identification number, has been included in Part I, comprising optional information (Annex I, point VI, P.5).

The rapporteur, on the other hand, would like the idea put forward in Amendment 6 of referring to the presence of an anti-fraud code to be maintained, if only in a very general and unrestrictive form (see the amendments in this recommendation).

The changes which the Council has made in its common position seek to define certain legal terms (such as 'holder of the registration certificate') and administrative procedures (Articles 1, 2, 5 and 7).

The change to Article 5 corresponds to the European Parliament's Amendment 4 (exchanges of information).

The European Parliament therefore approves of these useful changes.

III. CONCLUSION

On the whole, the European Parliament endorses the common position adopted by the Council. It invites the Council to accept the amendments presented here.