

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2698/02
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to the Commission

Subject: Free movement of persons

Is the Commission aware that some vehicles (cars, trailers) licensed in Germany and with current German MOT (TÜV) certificates are deemed to be illegal in the Netherlands because of technical details (in the case in point, an additional metal ring fitted to the trailer attachment), making their drivers liable to prosecution? Is the fact that national regulations of this kind, where they exist, give rise to far-reaching legal proceedings reconcilable with the principle of free movement of persons in the Union? Does the Commission see a possibility of providing uniform technical standards for vehicles (MOT/TÜV test) throughout the European single market? Are Member States obliged to inform the public of their technical regulations for vehicles?