

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0569/03
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to the Commission

Subject: Refund of registration fee in respect of exports from Denmark

In 2002, the Danish Government introduced a system for refunding registration fees on exported motor vehicles.

§ 7b, paragraph 3 of the relevant law, No. 977 of 2 December 2002 on registration fees for motor vehicles, states that 15% of the amount of the fee prescribed in paragraph 2 shall be deducted.

However, § 1 of the same proclamation states that a fee is payable in respect of motor vehicles to be registered under the Road Traffic Act.

This means in practice that 85% of the registration fee is refunded when a motor vehicle is exported but that, if it is re-imported, the full fee is payable, making a difference of 15%.

Will the Commission say whether this system, which is akin to customs duties, is consistent with the provisions on freedom of movement for goods across borders in the EU (e.g. Articles 23 and 25 of the Treaty)?