

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3015/03
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to the Commission

Subject: Third-party insurance for cars and the new Code

In Italy the recent introduction of new sanctions in connection with the Highway Code has radically altered the behaviour of Italian drivers and drastically reduced the number of accidents reported.

Four consumers' associations in Italy (Aduc, Codacons, Adusbef and Federconsumatori) point out that the sharp fall in the number of claims (which insurers say are the cause of the rising cost of third-party insurance) should lead to a fall in the cost of car insurance. The provisions of the new Highway Code have cut the number of accidents by 20% and the number of people injured by 40%, which has eased the burden on insurance companies.

However, illogically, the costs of third-party insurance in Italy continue to rise and average rates in other European countries are 20% lower.

In the light of this, does not the Commission consider that the rise in (compulsory) third-party insurance premiums in Italy is unjustified?

Does it intend to try to persuade the Italian government to take urgent measures to lower the price of third-party insurance?