

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1626/07
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to the Commission

Subject: Harmonisation of European laws governing driving licences for sports boats

The Member States have widely differing rules governing the issuing of driving licences for sports boats, a state of affairs which restricts freedom of establishment, since individuals moving to another Member State are forced to apply for a new licence.

Cross-border recognition of driving licences for sports boats would also foster freedom of movement for persons.

Taking account of the need for safety on Community waterways, harmonisation would therefore seem desirable.

1. Is the Commission aware of this problem?
2. Is the Commission planning to draw up proposed rules which would lead to the introduction of a single driving licence for sports boats at Community level?