Question for written answer E-006484/2013 to the Commission Rule 117 David Campbell Bannerman (ECR)

Subject: Greek 'special import tax' on cars

It has been brought to my attention that Britons who own property on the Greek island of Lefkada (Lefkas) are being told by officials at the Greek customs office that they must pay a 'special import tax' before registering their British-bought vehicles in order to obtain Greek number plates.

Is the Commission aware that individuals are being asked to pay an illegal fee of EUR 20 000 to register a car worth EUR 12 000 (or less)? If so, what is being done to stop this?

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