Question for written answer E-000706/2017 to the Commission Rule 130 Ismail Ertug (S&D)

Subject: Safety equipment rules for on-road vehicles

Rules on what safety equipment must be carried in a motor vehicle on the road differ considerably sometimes between one EU Member State and another. Beginning with the warning triangle (one or two?), and then on to the prescribed number of safety vests, sets of spare bulbs for the vehicle or breathalysers – the range of different requirements is relatively large. Moreover, in certain Member States fines are imposed should any of these items of equipment be missing, while in other Member States they are simply not required.

- 1. What is the Commission's opinion of these different rules?
- 2. Does the Commission see a need for action here, particularly with a view to harmonisation of these rules?