

**Question for written answer E-003362/2020
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Odometer tampering in second-hand cars

The EU's second-hand car market is larger than its new car market. In this context, second-hand car buyers are increasingly misled about the actual odometer reading of the second-hand car they are purchasing, particularly when importing the car from another Member State. For instance, it is estimated that around 30-50 % of second-hand cars are 'clocked', resulting in an annual economic loss of between EUR 1.5 billion and EUR 8 billion. This not only constitutes an infringement of consumer rights, but also contributes to the fragmentation of the single market, while also jeopardising road safety. The problem arises since there is no common register at EU level in which car odometer readings are recorded. In view of the foregoing:

1. What is the Commission doing to protect consumers from fraud caused by odometer tampering in cars?
2. Does the Commission intend to propose the establishment of a common car register at EU level which would contain reliable data on car odometer readings, collected during a certified service or a regular technical vehicle inspection?
3. How will the Commission cooperate with Member States to inform consumers about the problem of odometer tampering in second-hand cars?