

**Question for written answer E-007071/2020
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Mutual recognition of test plates among Member States

According to section 4.1 of Commission communication SEC/2007/0169, Member States must recognise professional registration certificates or test plates issued by other Member States, in accordance with the Vienna Convention on Road Traffic. It should also be noted that the Convention contains no provisions that oblige, or even allow, contracting parties to restrict the movement of vehicles which do not comply with the Convention. To date, the Member States have been coming to bilateral agreements on the mutual recognition of test plates, since this lies outside the scope of Regulation (EC) 2411/98. Italy recognises France's WW temporary registration certificates, but France has not reciprocated. This is causing economic and professional damage to Italian operators in the border regions.

1. In the light of these considerations, does the Commission consider France's failure to reciprocate this recognition compatible with EU law?
2. Does it believe that further harmonisation action should be taken to promote the mutual recognition of test plates or professional registration certificates?