

**Question for written answer E-001231/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Spare parts for cars

In line with the recommendations of Directive 2000/53/EC, the production of new vehicles should give full consideration to the disassembly, reuse and recovery of end-of-life vehicles and their components and materials. Unfortunately, some car manufacturers electronically block the reuse of car parts, with the result that spare parts cannot be reused without the manufacturer's consent. Such practices run counter to the principles of the circular economy and are harmful to consumers, who are restricted in their access to cheaper and efficient spare parts.

In light of this:

1. Is the Commission aware of this practice and, if so, does it have any studies showing its magnitude?
2. Does the Commission intend to take legislative action aimed at restricting or eliminating this type of practice?