

**Question for written answer E-004086/2022
to the Commission**
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Subject: Motor Vehicle Bloc Exemption Regulation (MVBBER)

Competition in the automotive aftermarket is crucial in supporting consumers' purchasing power and the affordability of car repair and maintenance services. Nonetheless, its effectiveness depends on the ability of independent operators to compete with vehicle manufacturers' franchised networks on prices, service quality and innovation.

However, as acknowledged by the Commission in its evaluation report of May 2021, the MVBBER, which was intended to foster competition, has not fully achieved its objectives. According to the same report, over the last decade, independent operators in particular have often complained about a lack of adequate access to relevant inputs such as technical information and vehicle manufacturers' captive parts. They have also complained about the persistent and abusive denial of warranties for vehicles repaired in independent workshops.

Against this backdrop, it is surprising that the Commission's current proposal for the future MVBBER does not substantially improve on the aforementioned issues.

Therefore, I would like to ask the Commission how it will ensure a sufficient level of legal certainty for all independent operators and effective safeguards for competition in the automotive aftermarket?

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