

**Question for written answer E-001732/2023/rev.1
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Operation of emergency service vehicles in the EU

Currently, emergency service vehicles crossing from their Member State of origin into another Member State do not always have permission to use audio and visual warning devices in that Member State.

In this context:

1. Is the Commission willing to propose an amendment to existing legislation in order to harmonise the permits for emergency service vehicles in the EU and to ensure that permission to use audio and visual warning devices is granted uniformly and centrally through a single European authorisation, issued by the Member States based on harmonised criteria?
2. If so, what measures would it propose to ensure the mutual recognition of permits granted by the Member States?
3. Can it share what steps would need to be taken and what the time frame would be for the potential implementation of unified rules for emergency service vehicles in the EU?

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