

**Question for written answer E-002970/2023**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Free annual vignette entitlement for vehicles registered to disabled persons in Austria

In Austria, persons with disabilities are entitled to a free annual vignette for the multi-track vehicle registered to them, provided that they are exempt from vehicle registration tax (and therefore possess a disability identity card with the phrase 'the holder of this card is unable to use public transport'). However, vehicles registered outside Austria are not eligible for the free vignette.

1. Is Austria's current practice of offering free annual vignettes for use on Austrian motorways exclusively to severely disabled persons with vehicles registered within Austria in accordance with the principles of equal treatment specified in EU legislation?
2. What is the Commission's assessment of the impact of this practice on the rights and free movement of foreign nationals (with vehicles registered outside Austria) within the EU?

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