Question for written answer E-002993/2023 to the Commission

Rule 138

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Subject: Non-standardised use of environmental car labels in the EU

Several EU countries have developed a classification system for vehicles to regulate their access to low-emission zones depending on how polluting they are. Cars are given a sticker or label according to their CO₂ emissions and can be driven in the zones that their sticker allows.

These labels are not equivalent among Member States. On the contrary, citizens entering a foreign Member State have to purchase the environmental sticker of the specific country, bearing the monetary cost and administrative burden of doing so. Also there is no specific legislative act regulating this issue.

Different procedures such as the European Strategy for Low-Emission Mobility¹ or the Europe on the Move initiative² have already called for the Car Labelling Directive 1999/94/EC³ to be updated in this regard.

- 1. Does the Commission intend to revise Directive 1999/94/EC on CO₂ labelling of cars in order to include the standardisation of Member States' environmental car labels?
- 2. Will the Commission introduce mutual recognition of equivalent levels in order to ensure the principle of free movement of citizens within the EU?

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¹ OJ C 369, 11.10.2018, p. 114.

² OJ C 433, 23.12.2019, p. 173.

³ OJ L 012 18.01.2000, p. 16.