

**Question for written answer E-003431/2023  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Impact of the EU's proposed amendments to the ELV Directive on ownership and preservation of vintage vehicles

In the light of the Commission's recently proposed amendments to the End of Life Vehicles (ELV) Directive, which have been greatly criticised by various interest groups in Sweden such as the Royal Automobile Club (KAK) and the National Historic Vehicles Association (MHRF):

1. How does the Commission intend to ensure that the new rules do not adversely affect the preservation of historic and culturally significant vehicles, such as vintage cars, whose condition and inspection status may be challenging to maintain, but which nevertheless form an important part of Europe's cultural heritage?
2. Can the Commission explain how its vision of a 'circular economy' and the proposed directive's recycling requirements strike a balance with the need to preserve vehicle heritage, especially bearing in mind that there is already a high degree of recycling in the car industry?
3. What measures is the Commission proposing so as to ensure that owners of historic vehicles, who are not necessarily able to meet current environmental standards or inspection requirements, are not unfairly affected by the new directive?

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