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OPINION

of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

for the Committee on Transport and Tourism

on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council
on the deployment of the interoperable EU-wide eCall
(COM(2013)0315 – C7-0173/2013 – 2013/0166(COD))

Rapporteur: Adina-Ioana Vălean

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SHORT JUSTIFICATION

The deployment of the interoperable EU-wide eCall service in the vehicles in all the EU countries is one of the major priorities for the Union and is part of the Road Safety Action Programme 2011-2020. In 2012 around 28 000 people were killed and more than 1.5 million injured in 1.1 million traffic accidents on EU roads.

The aim of the in-vehicle eCall system is to alert emergency services and to ensure the earlier arrival of qualified and equipped assistance in case of a serious accident, with a net gain around 10 minutes.

Currently, only around 0.7% of vehicles are equipped with private eCall systems in the EU; different European car manufacturers already provide it as well as other services (breakdown assistance, dynamic navigation...).

The rapporteur welcomes the proposal for a decision on the deployment of the interoperable EU-wide eCall which is in line with the EU Road Safety Action Programme 2011-2020 and with its previous resolution adopted on 3 July 2012 (P7_TA (2012) 0274).

However, in order to leave the Member States put in place the respective PSAP infrastructure and in order to leave the automobile industry implement the technical adaptations, that should be defined mid-2014 through delegated acts, in all new cars, the target date of 1st October 2015 appears very ambitious. Therefore the rapporteur recommends postponing it to June 2016.

In addition, the rapporteur is introducing an obligation for the Member States to also ensure a equivalent level of accuracy and reliability of caller location of a 112 call initiated by a mobile terminal.

The deployment of eCall confirms that GNSS location data can effectively be retrieved and transmitted over mobile networks to 112 services. While the importance of eCall is not questioned, it should be noticed that it will represent only about 1.7 %¹ of the annual number of emergency calls in the EU. The current proposal by the Commission would create an unjustifiable and consequential situation in which citizens would only be located accurately by 112 services following road accidents.

This obligation would enable citizens and emergency services to maximise the societal benefit of using GNSS location technologies, since it is estimated that 5.5 million eCalls will be made each year in comparison to the estimated 320 million emergency calls in the EU yearly.

This amendment intends to ensure that all citizens, and not only those who are equipped with eCall-enabled vehicles, can benefit from the already widely deployed GNSS location technologies.

¹ http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/newsroom/cf/dae/document.cfm?doc_id=2252

AMENDMENTS

The Committee on Industry, Research and Energy calls on the Committee on Transport and Tourism, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following amendments in its report:

Amendment 1

Proposal for a decision

Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 305/2013 of 26 November 2012 supplementing Directive 2010/40/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the harmonised provision for an interoperable EU-wide eCall²¹ establishes the specifications for upgrading the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) infrastructure required for the proper receipt and handling of eCalls, in order to ensure the compatibility, interoperability and continuity of the harmonised EU-wide eCall service.

²¹ OJ L 91, 3.4.2013, p. 1.

Amendment

(3) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 305/2013 of 26 November 2012 supplementing Directive 2010/40/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the harmonised provision for an interoperable EU-wide eCall²¹ establishes the specifications for upgrading the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) infrastructure required for the proper receipt and handling of eCalls, in order to ensure the compatibility, interoperability and continuity of the harmonised EU-wide eCall service ***and requires the Member States by 23 October 2013 to report on the state of implementation, including a schedule of deployment during the ensuing two years;***

²¹ OJ L 91, 3.4.2013, p. 1.

Amendment 2

Proposal for a decision

Recital 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4a) Whereas almost all Member States have signed or supported the Memorandum of Understanding for the Realisation of interoperable In-Vehicle

Amendment 3

Proposal for a decision Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) In order to ensure the interoperability and continuity of the service throughout the Union, and reduce the costs of implementation for the Union as a whole, it is necessary that all Member States deploy the eCall priority action in accordance with the common specifications established in Delegated Regulation (EU) No 305/2013. This should be without prejudice to the right of each Member State to deploy additional technical means to handle other emergency calls.

Amendment

(6) In order to ensure the **full functionality, compatibility**, interoperability and continuity of the service throughout the Union, and reduce the costs of implementation for the Union as a whole, it is necessary that all Member States deploy the eCall priority action in accordance with the common specifications established in Delegated Regulation (EU) No 305/2013. This should be without prejudice to the right of each Member State to deploy additional technical means to handle other emergency calls.

Amendment 4

Proposal for a decision Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

(7) As experienced with other emergency calls systems, manually triggered eCalls may include a share of assistance calls. If necessary, Member States may implement all appropriate technical and organisational means in order to filter these assistance calls to ensure that only real emergency calls are handled by eCall PSAPs.

Amendment

(7) As experienced with other emergency calls systems, manually triggered eCalls may include a share of assistance calls. If necessary, Member States may implement all appropriate technical and organisational means in order to filter these assistance calls to ensure that only real emergency calls are handled by eCall PSAPs. ***In so doing, Member States should ensure that all calls are treated in the most effective way.***

Amendment 5

Proposal for a decision Recital 7 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(7a) Not all Union citizens are familiar with the use of the eCall service. Member States should organise awareness-raising campaigns in cooperation with the Commission. Those campaigns should inform citizens of the existence of a free and publicly available eCall service, emphasising the benefits and functionalities of the system.

Amendment 6

Proposal for a decision Recital 8 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8a) The European Parliament has requested that accurate and reliable caller location for 112 calls be provided in 2007, 2011, 2013, in its Written Declaration 0044/2007, its Resolution P7_TA(2011)0306, its parliamentary question for oral answer of 31 May 2013 and so far, very little progress has been made;

Amendment 7

Proposal for a decision Recital 8 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8b) All components of the eCall service relating to accurate and reliable positioning information, including the GNSS-enabled mobile terminals, should

guarantee compatibility with the services provided by the European satellite navigation programmes EGNOS and Galileo and make full use of those EU programmes when they become operational.

Amendment 8

Proposal for a decision Recital 8 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8c) To ensure equivalent access to 112 and emergency services for all citizens, the level of accuracy and reliability of caller location of a call to 112 with a GNSS-enabled mobile terminal should be equivalent to that of an eCall. Article 26 of Directive 2009/136/EC on the single European emergency call number 112 provides for accuracy and reliability criteria of caller location to be laid down by competent regulatory authorities while the Commission, having consulted BEREC, may take technical implementing measures;

Amendment 9

Proposal for a decision Article 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Member States shall deploy no later than **1 October 2015** the necessary eCall PSAP infrastructure required for the proper receipt and handling of all eCalls, if necessary purged of non-emergency calls, on their territory, in accordance with the specifications laid down by Delegated Regulation (EU) No 305/2013, in order to ensure the compatibility, interoperability and continuity of the interoperable EU-

Member States shall deploy no later than **1 June 2016** the necessary eCall PSAP infrastructure required for the proper receipt and handling of all eCalls, if necessary purged of non-emergency calls, on their territory, in accordance with the specifications laid down by Delegated Regulation (EU) No 305/2013, in order to ensure the compatibility, interoperability and continuity of the interoperable EU-

wide eCall service. This is without prejudice to the right of each Member State to organise its emergency services in the way most cost effective and appropriate to its needs, including the possibility to filter calls that are not emergency calls and may not be handled by eCall PSAPs, in particular in the case of manually triggered eCalls;

wide eCall service. ***Member States shall also ensure that the level of accuracy and reliability of caller location of a call to 112 with a GNSS-enabled mobile terminal is equivalent to that of an eCall, in accordance with Directive 95/46/EC on data protection.*** This is without prejudice to the right of each Member State to organise its emergency services in the way most cost effective and appropriate to its needs, including the possibility to filter calls that are not emergency calls and may not be handled by eCall PSAPs, in particular in the case of manually triggered eCalls;

Amendment 10

Proposal for a decision Article 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 2a

Member States shall ensure, by no later than 1 October 2015, that eCalls can be originated from anywhere in their territory.

PROCEDURE

Title	Deployment of the interoperable EU-wide eCall
References	COM(2013)0315 – C7-0173/2013 – 2013/0166(COD)
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Rapporteur Date appointed	Adina-Ioana Vălean 11.9.2013
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Result of final vote	+: 50 –: 1 0: 3
Members present for the final vote	Josefa Andrés Barea, Jean-Pierre Audy, Ivo Belet, Jan Březina, Giles Chichester, Jürgen Creutzmann, Pilar del Castillo Vera, Christian Ehler, Vicky Ford, Adam Gierek, Norbert Glante, Robert Goebbels, Fiona Hall, Edit Herczog, Kent Johansson, Romana Jordan, Krišjānis Kariņš, Philippe Lamberts, Bogdan Kazimierz Marcinkiewicz, Angelika Niebler, Jaroslav Paška, Vittorio Prodi, Miloslav Ransdorf, Herbert Reul, Teresa Riera Madurell, Jens Rohde, Paul Rübig, Salvador Sedó i Alabart, Francisco Sosa Wagner, Konrad Szymański, Patrizia Toia, Evžen Tošenovský, Catherine Trautmann, Ioannis A. Tsoukalas, Claude Turmes, Marita Ulvskog, Vladimir Urutchev, Adina-Ioana Vălean, Alejo Vidal-Quadras
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Substitute(s) under Rule 187(2) present for the final vote	Carl Schlyter