

WRITTEN QUESTION P-2609/09
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to the Commission

Subject: Poor results of a crash test on a Chinese car

The Brilliance BS4, a Chinese car which is also available for purchase in a number of European countries, has completely failed a crash test. The BS4 was tested at a centre belonging to the German motoring organisation ADAC, and the results were very poor.

In 2007, another version of the same car had already been rejected, but the new model does not comply with European standards either. It scores only 7 out of 16 on frontal impact. Drivers, in particular, run the risk of serious leg injuries in collisions.

The car can be imported into Belgium due to a legal loophole. Euro NCAP, which monitors the safety of cars, is now calling for the European Union to adopt a better directive so that cars which perform poorly can no longer be sold in the EU.

Is the Commission aware of the results of the ADAC's crash test, and how does it evaluate them?

Will the Commission take measures or submit proposals for legislation to halt sales of cars such as the Brilliance BS4 which score poorly in crash tests?