

**Question for written answer P-001451/2011
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Certificate of conformity (COC)

In the area of car imports within the EU, there are some cases in which vehicles are imported directly into another Member State, in parallel with the normal manufacturer distribution channels.

However, these vehicles are supplied by manufacturers without an EU certificate of conformity. This means that they cannot be directly registered in other Member States.

Regulation (EU) No 1014/2010 states that, pursuant to Articles 18 and 26 of European Parliament and Council Directive 2007/46/EC of 5 September 2007 establishing a framework for the approval of motor vehicles and their trailers, and of systems, components and separate technical units intended for such vehicles, manufacturers must ensure that each new passenger car placed on the market in the EU is accompanied by a valid certificate of conformity.

In the light of this legal position, does the Commission consider that the legislation in force is contravened if manufacturers do not automatically accompany motor vehicles and their trailers, and systems, components and separate technical units intended for such vehicles, with EU certificates of conformity, irrespective of whether they are intended for the domestic or the foreign market?