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## **OPINION**

of the Committee on Transport and Tourism

for the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

on the 20 main concerns of European citizens and business with the  
functioning of the Single Market  
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## SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Transport and Tourism calls on the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

- A. whereas the free movement of goods is a cornerstone of the EU, and the Union has introduced a uniform type-approval system and harmonised registration certificates for motor vehicles; whereas, therefore, buying a car in or transferring a car to another Member State has become much easier;
  - B. whereas, however, Parliament receives numerous complaints from citizens who are frequently faced with cumbersome formalities, related in particular to the re-registration of their vehicles in another Member State and the associated additional costs; whereas, at the same time, the Union and the Member States need to ensure that the re-registration of stolen vehicles with falsified registration certificates does not occur;
  - C. whereas the EU rules on passengers' rights provide a minimum level of protection for citizens and thus facilitate mobility and social integration; whereas they help create a level playing field for transport operators within as well as across modes;
  - D. whereas the EU legal framework protecting passengers' rights needs to guarantee a minimum standard of consumer protection that is able to withstand evolving commercial practices such as add-on charges, as well as covering cases of bankruptcy or insolvency of airlines; whereas the Union should react to new multimodal mobility patterns;
- 1. Supports the Commission's efforts to simplify the cross-border transferability of cars, and invites Member States to fully implement the principles of EU law on the registration of cars in other Member States; recalls in this regard that cars (right-hand drive vehicles included) compliant with the relevant EU type-approval should be eligible for registration in Member States, and calls on the Commission to increase the security of harmonised registration certificates in order to minimise the risk of re-registration of stolen vehicles with falsified registration certificates;
  - 2. Calls on the Commission to put forward a legislative proposal on the roadworthiness testing of motor vehicles, with a view to reducing the administrative burden for citizens and industry while guaranteeing the dynamic development of testing methods and test content and at the same time ensuring the highest possible level of road safety;
  - 3. Calls on the Member States to minimise the financial cost to the public of registering vehicles in another Member State, by avoiding unnecessary costs through a common approach;
  - 4. Calls for the mutual recognition of technical controls between Member States, on a basis of common definitions and comparable test standards when a vehicle is transferred from one Member State to another;
  - 5. Proposes the establishment of a European database to centralise the technical data of all

vehicles, in order to permit the mutual recognition of technical controls, enable Europe-wide comparability and facilitate cross-border vehicle registration;

6. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to ensure the more rigorous enforcement of interoperability between national transport and mobility services, products and systems, such as those subject to EU rules relating to road toll systems or the ERTMS, alongside European-level integrated information, pricing and ticketing in the fields of public and intermodal mobility;
7. Notes that with the adoption of passengers' rights for bus and coach transport in 2011, the Union now has a comprehensive and integrated set of rules on basic passengers' rights covering all modes of transport;
8. Recommends the consolidation of existing passengers' rights within a common framework, so as to harmonise the application and enforcement of these provisions for all modes of transport within the single market and prevent discrimination between different modes of transport;
9. Calls on the Commission to draw up a legislative proposal in order to offer passengers better protection in the event of the insolvency of airlines, for example through mandatory insurance for airlines or the establishment of a guarantee fund;
10. Underlines that the coherent and harmonised implementation and enforcement of passenger protection throughout the Union is of key importance for travelling citizens, including people with reduced mobility, as well as for ensuring a level playing field for transport operators;
11. Recognises that people with disabilities very often encounter obstacles and barriers when travelling that exclude them from many of the opportunities of the single market, and calls on the Commission to pay greater attention to this aspect in relation to passengers' rights;
12. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to ensure that passenger rights legislation is implemented correctly, that European citizens are aware of the rights of passengers in the EU, and, especially, that those rights are respected;
13. Draws attention to the fact that it is still difficult for passengers to book and buy multimodal tickets within the EU, and calls on the Commission, the Member States and transport companies to take action for the creation of an integrated multimodal ticketing system;
14. Calls on the Commission to submit a proposal on passengers' rights where more than one mode of transport is used, so as to enable the legislation to keep pace with evolving multimodal mobility patterns.

## RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

<b>Date adopted</b>	8.5.2012
<b>Result of final vote</b>	+: 38 -: 0 0: 3
<b>Members present for the final vote</b>	Magdi Cristiano Allam, Inés Ayala Sender, Georges Bach, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Philip Bradbourn, Antonio Cancian, Philippe De Backer, Christine de Veyrac, Saïd El Khadraoui, Ismail Ertug, Carlo Fidanza, Knut Fleckenstein, Jacqueline Foster, Mathieu Grosch, Jim Higgins, Juozas Imbrasas, Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Georgios Koumoutsakos, Werner Kuhn, Jörg Leichtfried, Bogusław Liberadzki, Eva Lichtenberger, Marian-Jean Marinescu, Gesine Meissner, Hubert Pirker, Dominique Riquet, Petri Sarvamaa, Vilja Savisaar-Toomast, Olga Sehnalová, Brian Simpson, Keith Taylor, Silvia-Adriana Țicău, Gionnmaria Uggias, Thomas Ulmer, Peter van Dalen, Artur Zasada
<b>Substitute(s) present for the final vote</b>	Spyros Danellis, Michel Dantin, Eider Gardiazábal Rubial, Sabine Wils, Janusz Władysław Zemke