

# Registration documents for vehicles.

## 'Roadworthiness package'

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The European Parliament adopted amendments to the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 1999/37/EC on the registration documents for vehicles.

**The matter was referred back to the committee responsible.** The vote was therefore postponed.

**Suspension of a registration:** this shall mean an **administrative act** whereby, for a limited period of time, the vehicle is not authorised to be used in road traffic, following which – provided the reasons for suspension have ceased to apply – it may be used again without a new process of registration.

**Cancellation of a registration:** Members propose granting the **holder of the registration certificate** the possibility to submit a request to the competent authority for cancellation of the registration. In the event that a Member State registration authority receives a notification that a vehicle has been treated as an end-of-life vehicle, the registration shall be cancelled and this information shall be added to its electronic register. Such cancellation shall not involve a new process of registration.

**Validity of the certificate in case of re-registration:** in case of re-registering a vehicle in another Member State or changing the owner of the vehicle, the technical conditions of the vehicle do not change and so the validity of the roadworthiness certificate should be **recognised and stated** on the new registration certificate. However, as Member States can decide on more frequent testing intervals than foreseen in the proposal for a regulation on roadworthiness tests, mutual recognition of validity shall be subject to the fact that the **frequency of testing** is not less in the original Member State than in the re-registering Member State.

**Proof of the last roadworthiness test:** in order to reduce the bureaucracy, Parliament considers it necessary to introduce the proof of the last roadworthiness test and the date for the next roadworthiness test (showing the validity of the roadworthiness test) on the registration certificate.

**Mutual assistance:** in order to facilitate checks specifically intended to combat fraud and the illegal trade in stolen vehicles and to check the validity of the roadworthiness certificate, it is appropriate to establish **close cooperation** between Member States, based on an effective exchange of information, by using **national electronic databases**.

**Delegated acts:** Parliament proposes to limit to **5 years** the delegation of powers conferred on the Commission, whereas before it was an indeterminate period of time.