Motor vehicles and trailers: recognition of the distinguishing sign of the Member state of registration

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The common position corresponds to the Commission proposal and incorporates the gist of the amendments adopted by Parliament at first reading and incorporated into the Commission's amended proposal. In particular, the common position incorporates the amendments seeking to: - extend the scope of the Regulation to trailers; - stipulate that the distinguishing sign of the Member State of registration must be displayed on the extreme left of the registration plate; - stipulate that the distinguishing sign as defined in the annex to the Regulation is equivalent to any other officially recognised distinguishing sign. In addition, the Council made other changes, particularly: - deletion of Article 4, which laid down a system of penalties to apply in the event of breaches of the Regulation; - amendments to the annex: .the colour of the distinguishing sign of the Member State of registration may be yellow or white, irrespective of the background colour of the registration plate on which it is displayed; .the minimum height of the blue background is now 98 mm; .the height of the letters in the distinguishing sign of the Member State of registration (20 mm) is now a minimum value; .the annex includes a second model to take account of registration plates where the registration mark is displayed on two lines.