Tax treatment: permanent or temporary transfer of turism vehicles

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A Commission proposal aiming at ensuring free movement for cars won strong backing from the Committee. The proposal, which is in response to a large number of petitions to the European Parliament, seeks to prevent double taxation on cars when a person moves from one Member State to another. Subject to certain conditions, Member States will no longer be allowed to impose registration taxes, such as the Belgian Taxe de mise en circulation, on vehicles brought into their territory by individuals changing their place of residence. The proposal also seeks to make the rules concerning temporary use of a vehicle in another Member State more flexible. Following the advice of the rapporteur, Graham WATSON (ELDR, UK), the Committee approved the proposal subject to three amendments which seek to clarify the Commission text.