

Schengen Convention: access for vehicle registration authorities to the Information System SIS, amending the Convention

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The European Parliament adopted the resolution drafted by Carlos COELHO (EPP-ED, P) on the gradual abolition of checks at common borders as regards access to the Schengen Information System by the services in the Member States responsible for issuing registration certificates for vehicles. The Parliament did however include a number of amendments to the text. These are as follows : - authorities or services clearly identified for this purpose and responsible in the Member States for issuing registration certificates for vehicles should have access to data concerning motor vehicles with a cylinder capacity exceeding 50 cc, data concerning trailers and caravans with an unladen weight exceeding 750 kg and data concerning vehicle registration certificates and vehicle number plates which have been stolen, misappropriated or lost in order to enable them to check whether the vehicles presented to them for registration have not been stolen, misappropriated or lost; - each year, after seeking the opinion of the joint supervisory authority set up pursuant to Article 115 on the data protection rules, the Commission shall submit a report to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of this Article. In this report, the Commission shall state how many searches were made, how many stolen vehicles were detected and how the data protection rules were applied. Member States shall transmit to the Commission the data necessary for this report to be drawn up; - each Member State shall ensure that every transmission of personal data is recorded in the national section of the Schengen Information System by the data file management authority for the purpose of checking whether the search is admissible or not. The record shall include the person or object on whom the search is run, the terminal or user carrying out the search, the place, date and time of the search and the reasons for the search. The record may be used only for this purpose and shall be deleted at the latest one year after it is made.