

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

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**PURPOSE:** to facilitate road traffic and the free movement of persons within the Community.  
**COMMUNITY MEASURE:** Council Regulation No. 2411/98 on the recognition in intra-Community traffic of the distinguishing sign of the Member State in which motor vehicles and their trailers are registered.  
**CONTENT:** The Regulation applies to vehicles registered in the Member States that are driven within the Community. As several Member States are contracting parties to the Vienna Convention of 1968 on road traffic, Article 37 of which provides that every motor vehicle in international traffic shall display at the rear, in addition to its registration number, a distinguishing sign of the State in which it is registered, the Council has adopted this Regulation which lays down the specification for the distinguishing sign. Member States requiring vehicles from other Member States to display the distinguishing sign of the State of registration should also recognise the distinguishing sign illustrated in the annex as being equivalent to any other distinguishing sign that they recognise for the purpose of identifying the State in which the vehicle is registered.  
**ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 11/11/1998.