

Basic information	
1997/0150(SYN)	Procedure completed
SYN - Cooperation procedure (historic)	
Registration documents for motor vehicles and their trailers	
Amended by 2012/0185(COD)	
Subject	
3.20.06 Transport regulations, road safety, roadworthiness tests, driving licence	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	TRAN Transport and Tourism	BAZIN Jean-Pierre (UPE)	08/12/1997
	Former committee responsible	Former rapporteur	Appointed
	TRAN Transport and Tourism	BAZIN Jean-Pierre (UPE)	08/12/1997
Council of the European Union	Former committee for opinion	Former rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs, Industrial Policy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	28/01/1998
	Council configuration	Meetings	Date
	Transport, Telecommunications and Energy	2059	1997-12-10
Consumers	2128	1998-11-03	
Industry	2174	1999-04-29	

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
30/05/1997	Legislative proposal published	COM(1997)0248	Summary
15/09/1997	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
10/12/1997	Debate in Council		
19/05/1998	Vote in committee		Summary
19/05/1998	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0190/1998	

27/05/1998	Debate in Parliament		Summary
06/08/1998	Modified legislative proposal published	COM(1998)0508	Summary
13/10/1998	Council position published	11408/1/1998	Summary
19/11/1998	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 2nd reading		
20/01/1999	Vote in committee, 2nd reading		Summary
20/01/1999	Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading	A4-0033/1999	
29/04/1999	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
29/04/1999	End of procedure in Parliament		
01/06/1999	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1997/0150(SYN)
Procedure type	SYN - Cooperation procedure (historic)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Amendments and repeals	Amended by 2012/0185(COD)
Legal basis	EC before Amsterdam E 075-p1
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	TRAN/4/10539

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0190/1998 OJ C 195 22.06.1998, p. 0004	19/05/1998	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0313/1998 OJ C 195 22.06.1998, p. 0011-0021	28/05/1998	Summary
Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading		A4-0033/1999 OJ C 150 28.05.1999, p. 0005	20/01/1999	
Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading		T4-0131/1999 OJ C 153 01.06.1999, p. 0013-0023	25/02/1999	Summary
Council of the EU				
Document type		Reference	Date	Summary
Council position		11408/1/1998 OJ C 388 14.12.1998, p. 0012	13/10/1998	Summary
European Commission				

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(1997)0248 OJ C 202 02.07.1997, p. 0013	30/05/1997	Summary
Modified legislative proposal	COM(1998)0508 OJ C 301 30.09.1998, p. 0008	06/08/1998	Summary
Commission communication on Council's position	SEC(1998)1923 	13/11/1998	Summary
Commission opinion on Parliament's position at 2nd reading	COM(1999)0145 	13/04/1999	
Follow-up document	COM(2020)0077 	04/03/2020	

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES1174/1997	29/10/1997	Summary
EU	Implementing legislative act	32003L0127 OJ L 010 16.01.2004, p. 0029-0053	23/12/2003	

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Directive 1999/0037
OJ L 138 01.06.1999, p. 0057

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1997/0150(SEN) - 06/08/1998 - Modified legislative proposal

The Commission's amended proposal accepts without reserve amendments by the European Parliament referring to the following: - the Commission will communicate to all Member States all models of registration certificates used by the national administrations; - adding the engine identification number of the registration certificate as an obligatory item of information. However, the Commission is unable to accept amendments relating to the following: - the addition of a new recital into the preamble to the effect that this proposal is the first step to greater harmonisation; - changing the dates of implementation to take account of the actual time frame of the proposal; - calling for the possibility to show details of anti-fraud security markings or codes which have been placed on the vehicles and its parts.

Registration documents for motor vehicles and their trailers

1997/0150(SEN) - 30/05/1997 - Legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: the harmonization of registration documents for motor vehicles and their trailers, with a view to facilitating road transport within the Community, improving road safety and boosting the functioning of the internal market. SUBSTANCE: The proposal for a directive harmonizes Member

States' registration documents for motor vehicles and their trailers by establishing the principle of mutual recognition of registration certificates. This harmonization should permit: - the facilitation, for vehicles registered in a Member State, of road transport in the other Member State, via the simplification of the checking of registration certificates by the relevant national authorities; - the roadside checking of compliance with Directive 91/439 /EEC on driving licences; - the improvement of the functioning of the internal market, by facilitating, where a vehicle is registered in another Member State, the comprehension of the registration documents and the checking of the rightful ownership of the vehicle.

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1997/0150(SYN) - 13/10/1998 - Council position

The Common Position largely corresponds to the Commission proposal and integrates the essence of the changes proposed by the Parliament in its first reading, which were adopted by the Commission in its amended proposal. The Council notably introduced changes in the following areas: - allowing for the use of temporary registration documents which may not meet all the requirements of the Directive; - including a definition of "holder of the registration certificate" and refining the definition of "registration"; - allowing Member States to choose between a two-part or single-part certificate; - requiring Member States to inform another member State of the withdrawal of a registration certificate issued by the latter; - requiring that the Committee referred to was that established by Article 8 of Council Directive 96/96/EC of 20th December 1996 on the approximation of laws of the Member States relating to roadworthiness tests for vehicles and their trailers; - making provision for the exchange of information, in particular by means of an electronic network, regarding transfers of ownership of vehicles so as to give additional protection against illegal trafficking of vehicles.

Registration documents for motor vehicles and their trailers

1997/0150(SYN) - 29/04/1999 - Final act

PURPOSE : to harmonise registration documents for vehicles and their trailers with the view of facilitating road traffic within the Community, to increase road safety, as well as improving the workings of the internal market. **COMMUNITY MEASURE** : Council Directive 1999/37/EC on the registration of documents for vehicles. **CONTENT** : the directive harmonises the documents issued by the Member States where vehicles and trailers are registered, by establishing the principle of mutual recognition of registration documents. The Directive : - allows the use of temporary registration documents which do not meet all the requirements set out in the Directive; - authorises the Member States to adopt a certificate that shall consist of either a single part or two parts; - specifies that a Member State must inform another Member State which issued the certificate of its withdrawal; - specifies the exchanges of information, notably by electronic means, on the transfer of vehicle ownership in view of creating supplementary protection against the illegal trafficking of vehicles. **ENTRY INTO FORCE** : 01/06/1999. **DEADLINE SET FOR THE TRANSPOSITION** : 01/06/2004.

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1997/0150(SYN) - 28/05/1998 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

Adopting the report by Mr Jean-Pierre BAZIN (UPE, F), the European Parliament approved the Commission proposal seeking to integrate the provisions of the Convention relating to the information to be shown on registration documents in order to make them more binding and include additional information. However, Parliament calls for the possibility for part I of the registration certificate to show details of anti-fraud security markings which have been placed on the vehicle and its parts. It also called on Member States to adopt by 31 December 1998 the laws, regulations or administrative provisions necessary to comply with the directive from 31 December 1999.

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1997/0150(SYN) - 13/11/1998 - Commission communication on Council's position

The Commission is able to support the common position as it largely corresponds to the Commission proposal and integrates the amendments accepted by the Commission following the opinion of the European Parliament during its first reading.

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1997/0150(SYN) - 25/02/1999 - Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading

The Parliament adopted its Decision on the Council's common position subject to an amendment to each of Annexes I and II introducing a provision for secret identification markings on vehicles. The report was drafted by Mr. Jean-Pierre Bazin (UPE, France).

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1997/0150(SYN) - 29/10/1997 - Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report

The Committee particularly welcomes the fact that the registration certificate is to be designed with reference to the Vienna Convention. However, the Committee points out that it is essential to at least incorporate the scope of the ECE convention into European Union rules, since the ECE rules are currently accepted outside the EU, notably in the eastern European countries. The Committee advocates the setting up of an electronic system throughout the European Union through which vehicle registration data could be accessed via the chassis number. Plastic cards with a computer chip

have been recommended as an interim solution until electronic checks can be carried out on vehicles directly. These cards could be introduced immediately without first providing the data in paper form. If the data are provided on paper, they should at least be electronically readable (e.g. by using a bar code). The Committee agrees that a two-part registration certificate is absolutely necessary. The issuing of a two-part registration document can also provide proof of ownership, as already provided by the ownership papers issued in some Member States. As regards measures to increase anti-tampering protection, it is recommended that use of holograms be added in Annex I, part I, point II and Annex I, part II, point II of the directive.