

**Question for written answer E-001281/2012  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Rules governing the circulation of vehicles under a 'garage' registration certificate

Used vehicles or groups of used vehicles being moved from the place of sale to the place of delivery and registration in the Member States are generally covered by a specific 'garage' registration certificate ('W' registration in France), meaning they are not required to comply with the technical provisions of the highway code until the department responsible for taking deliveries in a sales and/or repair outlet, or the purchaser of the vehicle, has taken delivery of them.

At national level, these activities are subject to the provisions laid down by the legislator or the regulator. In France, the relevant legislation is the Order of 9 February 2009 on the Registration of Vehicles, which entered into force on 15 April 2009.

However, there seems to be no common EU regulatory framework governing the moving of used cars from one Member State to another.

Are used vehicles which are sold in an EU Member State and moved to the country in which the purchaser lives and in which they will be driven covered by common rules on safety, prevention and technical scrutiny? If they are, could the Commission tell us what these rules are?

If they are not, does the Commission plan to propose a harmonised regulatory framework to govern the moving of used vehicles from one country to another in Europe?