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- *General approach*

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At its meeting on 10 June 2013, the Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council reached a general approach on the above proposal, as it appears in the Annex.

The Commission indicated it maintains its general reservation on the agreed text while waiting for the EP's vote at first reading.

Proposal for a

**DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL  
amending Council Directive 1999/37/EC on the registration documents for vehicles**

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 91 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

After transmission of the draft legislative act to the national Parliaments,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee<sup>1</sup>,

Having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions<sup>2</sup>,

Acting in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure,

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<sup>1</sup> OJ C, p.

<sup>2</sup> OJ C, p.

Whereas:

- (1) Roadworthiness testing is a part of a wider regime ensuring that vehicles are kept in a safe and environmentally acceptable condition during their use. This regime should cover periodic roadworthiness tests for all vehicles and roadside technical inspection for vehicles used for commercial road transport activities as well as provisions on a vehicle registration procedure to ensure that vehicles which constitute an immediate risk to road safety are not used on roads.
- (2) Registration of a vehicle provides for its use on public roads. Directive 1999/37/EC of 29 April 1999 on the registration documents for vehicles<sup>3</sup> only applies to the granting of a registration for vehicles. Nevertheless, especially in cases where the use of the vehicle on public roads would create a risk, due to the technical situation of the vehicle, it should be possible to withdraw the registration for a certain period of time. To reduce the administrative burden resulting from a withdrawal of the registration, it should not be necessary to go through the process of registration when the withdrawal is lifted again.
- (3) The possibility of cancelling a registration of a vehicle in cases where inter alia a vehicle has been re-registered in another Member State or dismantled and scrapped should be introduced.
- (4) To reduce administrative burdens and ease the exchange of information between Member States, vehicle related information should be kept in national registers.

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<sup>3</sup> OJ L 138 of 1.6.1999, p.57.

- (5) In cases where dangerous deficiencies have been found during a roadworthiness test, the registration should be withdrawn by the competent authorities until the vehicle has passed a new roadworthiness test.
- (6) In order to supplement this Directive with further technical details, the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union should be delegated to the Commission with a view to update the annexes, taking into account the evolution of the EU type-approval legislation in relation to the content of certificates of conformity as well as technical progress. It is of particular importance that the Commission carry out appropriate consultations during its preparatory work, including at expert level. The Commission, when preparing and drawing up delegated acts, should ensure simultaneous, timely and appropriate transmission of relevant documents to the European Parliament and to the Council.
- (7) In accordance with the Joint Political Declaration of Member States and the Commission on explanatory documents of 28 September 2011, Member States have undertaken to accompany, in justified cases, the notification of their transposition measures with one of more documents explaining the relationship between the components of a directive and the corresponding parts of national transposition instruments. With regard to this Directive, the legislator considers the transmission of such documents to be justified.

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

## Article 1

Directive 1999/37/EC is amended as follows:

1. The first sentence of Article 1 is replaced by the following :

"This Directive shall apply to the vehicle registration documents issued by the Member States."

2. The following points are added to Article 2:

"(e) 'suspension': shall mean a limited period of time in which a vehicle is not authorised by a Member State to be used in road traffic;

(f) 'cancellation of a registration': shall mean the cancellation of a Member State's authorisation for a vehicle to be used in road traffic."<sup>4</sup>

3. The following paragraph is added to Article 3:

"4. Member States shall record electronically data on all vehicles registered on their territory. The data shall include:

- all elements in accordance with Annex I points II.5, II.6 (J) and II.6 (V.7) and (V.9), where this data is available;
- other data listed in Annex I or data from the certificate of conformity as provided for in Directive 2007/46, where possible;
- the outcome of mandatory roadworthiness tests in accordance with Directive XX/XX/XX [on periodic roadworthiness tests] and the period of validity of the roadworthiness certificate.

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<sup>4</sup> The following recital will be added: "*Even where a registration has been cancelled, a record of this registration may be retained*".

The processing of personal data in the context of this Directive shall be carried out in accordance with Directives 95/46/EC and 2002/58/EC.

Technical vehicle data shall be made available to the competent authorities or testing centres for the purpose of periodic roadworthiness testing. Member States may limit the use of data."

4. The following Article is inserted:

*"Article 3a*

1. Where the competent authority of a Member State receives a notification of a periodic roadworthiness test showing that the authorisation to use a particular vehicle in road traffic has been suspended in accordance with Article 9 of Directive XX/XX/XX [on periodic roadworthiness tests], the suspension shall be recorded electronically and an additional roadworthiness test shall be carried out.

The suspension shall be effective until the vehicle has passed a new roadworthiness test. On successful completion of the roadworthiness test, the competent authority shall without delay re-authorise the use of the vehicle in road traffic.

Member States or their competent authorities may adopt measures to facilitate retesting a vehicle that has had its authorisation for use on public roads suspended. This may include permission to travel on public roads between a place of repair and a test centre for the purpose of a roadworthiness test.

2. In case that a Member State competent authority receives a notification that a vehicle has been treated as an end-of-life vehicle in accordance with Directive 2000/53/EC<sup>5</sup> the registration shall be cancelled permanently and this information shall be added to its electronic register."

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<sup>5</sup> OJ L 269 of 21.10.2000, p. 34.

5. ~~The following paragraph is added to Article 5:~~

3. ~~[deleted]~~

6. ~~Article 6 and 7 are replaced by the following:~~

*"Article 6*

**Delegated acts**

*[deleted]*

*Article 7*

**Exercise of delegation**

*[deleted]"*

*Article 2*

**Transposition**

1. Member States shall adopt and publish, by 36 months after the entry into force of this Directive at the latest, the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive. They shall without delay communicate to the Commission the text of those provisions.

They shall apply those provisions 48 months after the entry into force of this Directive. When Member States adopt those provisions, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or be accompanied by such a reference on the occasion of their official publication. Member States shall determine how such reference is to be made.

2. Member States shall communicate to the Commission the text of the main provisions of national law which they adopt in the field covered by this Directive.

*Article 3*

**Entry into force**

This Directive shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

*Article 4*

**Addressees**

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels,

*For the European Parliament*

*The President*

*For the Council*

*The President*