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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Séjourné
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission has assessed the Greek legislation imposing new rules for imported used vehicles in Greece.

Provided that the new licencing procedure is applicable for all used heavy-duty vehicles, domestic or imported, and is thus non-discriminatory, the choice of the environmental standard EURO 6D as a condition for granting the permission to perform public transport services is regulated under national law and does not appear to be in breach of EU law.

From a general point of view, where a second-hand (used) vehicle is imported from another Member State and is covered by an EU type-approval issued pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2018/858¹, the authorities of the Member States must recognise the vehicle approval and the registration certificate, without carrying out additional checks². A Member State does not have discretion not to recognise such a vehicle, save in specific cases where there is a presumption of fraud or alteration; without however duplicating controls which have been carried out in the context of other procedures, either in the same or in another Member State.

Member States must duly justify any additional requirements for the registration of an imported vehicle from another Member State in a (new) dedicated domestic register, for the electronic submission of a number of documents within a limited period of time from the date of the application, or for the provision of additional roadworthiness certificate, and/or a copy of the certificate of conformity of the vehicle, at a certain cost. Addition requirements shall be limited to cases where such controls are necessary and proportionate to the objective pursued.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2018/858 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2018 on the approval and market surveillance of motor vehicles and their trailers, and of systems, components and separate technical units intended for such vehicles, amending Regulations (EC) No 715/2007 and (EC) No 595/2009 and repealing Directive 2007/46/EC, OJ L 151, 14.6.2018, p. 1-218.

² Article 4 and Article 5(2) of Council Directive 1999/37/EC of 29 April 1999 on the registration documents for vehicles, OJ L 138, 1.6.1999, p. 57-65.