

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-003085/25
to the Commission
Jan-Christoph Oetjen (Renew)
(24 July 2025)**

Subject: Electronic parking discs

Digital parking discs from other EU countries are often not recognised in Germany. This hinders sales, competition and innovation and poses an obstacle to visitors to Germany from the European single market. Denmark has demonstrated that more relaxed rules encourage competition and innovation.

Since 2013, the design of electronic parking discs has been regulated in Germany by points 5 and 6 of the German Transport Gazette (*Verkehrsblattverlautbarung* 2013, p. 1046). The front must display traffic symbol No 314, above which only the German word 'Ankunftszeit' (time of arrival) may appear. The use of advertising, logos and foreign languages is prohibited.

1. Does the Commission believe the German requirements constitute an unlawful restriction on the free movement of goods?
2. Has the Commission assessed whether points 5 and 6 of the German Transport Gazette are compatible with Article 34 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union?
3. What steps does the Commission intend to take to create EU-wide technology-neutral standards for electronic parking discs?

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**Answer given by Executive Vice-President Séjourné on behalf of the European Commission
(12 September 2025)**

Electronic parking discs are not regulated at EU-level, like physical parking discs, which are harmonised in most Member States, following the approval of a report on the standardisation of physical parking discs by ECMT/OECD (European Conference of Ministers of Transport — Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development) on 31 March 1979.

To facilitate international transport, the Ministers agreed to adopt a parking disc structure based on arrival time. The standardised model for the physical parking disc pursuant to the report mentioned above shall bear the words 'time of arrival' (Ankunftszeit in German) in the language(s) of the country concerned.

The specimen parking disc contained in the report also bears the internationally recognised parking sign corresponding to traffic symbol No 314.

The Commission already confirmed a minimal impact on free movement in the context of earlier written questions linked to physical parking discs (E-000513/2023, E-000584/2023).

In view of the overlap of the German requirements for electronic parking discs with the standardised model for physical parking discs it arrives at a similar conclusion with regard to electronic parking discs.

At this time, the Commission does not have any specific measures defined in its current agenda for developing standards at EU level. The matter of electronic parking discs involves diverse technical, regulatory and regional considerations that are currently being managed at Member State level.

The Commission continues to monitor developments in this area and remains open to dialogue with stakeholders to better understand the evolving landscape and any emerging needs for harmonisation or standardisation that may arise in the future.
