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**Question for written answer E-003817/25
to the Commission
Erik Kaliňák (NI)
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Subject: Harmonisation of rules on technical and emissions inspections of vehicles through directives instead of regulations

In the context of the revision of the Roadworthiness Package, which includes Directives 2014/45/EU, 2014/46/EU, and 2014/47/EU, experts have expressed concerns about the lack of harmonisation of rules concerning technical and emissions inspections of vehicles. The use of directives allows for significant divergences between Member States, which has an impact on road safety. According to Commission data from 2023, 16 countries carry out more frequent inspections of older vehicles, which increases red tape.

1. Is the Commission considering moving from directives to regulations in order to attain full harmonisation of technical inspection rules?

2. When does the Commission expect the revisions to Directives 2014/45/EU, 2014/46/EU and 2014/47/EU to be approved?

3. How does the Commission plan to assess the impact of the current divergences on the mutual recognition of inspection results in the EU?

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**Answer given by Mr Tzitzikostas on behalf of the European Commission
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Experts from Member States, as well as other stakeholders, were consulted as part of the preparatory work undertaken before the Commission adopted its proposals to revise the Roadworthiness Package. In light of this, the Commission saw no legal reasons to change the form of the legislation in question from directives to regulations. It would also note that in accordance with Article 288 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, directives are binding upon Member States as regards the results to be achieved.

The proposals are currently under consideration by the co-legislators. The Commission cannot predict when the final agreed texts by the co-legislators will enter into force.

In these circumstances, there are no plans to carry out any further Impact Assessment on the proposed revisions.
