

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-002693/26
to the Commission
Benoit Cassart (Renew)
(29 June 2026)**

Subject: No impact assessment when regions align roadworthiness tests with the minimum laid down in Directive 2014/45/EU

Directive 2014/45/EU lays down minimum requirements for how often roadworthiness tests must be carried out, but competent authorities may set higher test standards. However, some of them could drop their requirements to the EU minimum by doing away with roadworthiness tests upon the resale of a vehicle and by increasing the intervals at which older vehicles and vehicles for the carriage of persons are subject to testing. Such a development could take place without an independent road safety impact assessment, even though the Commission is, in fact, proposing to increase the minimum requirements (COM(2025)0180).

1. In light of its own impact assessment accompanying its proposal for a directive (COM(2025)0180), does the Commission consider that a prior road safety assessment needs to be carried out when a Member State or region reduces the frequency of its tests to the EU minimum?
2. What is its view of the fact that a Member State can align itself with the minimum required at a time when the Commission is working to increase that minimum? Does it have any means at its disposal to take this into account in the ongoing revision of the directive?

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**Answer given by Mr Tzitzikostas on behalf of the European Commission
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Regarding road safety assessments in the Member States, the Commission would note that whilst it may be advisable, it is not a requirement under EU law that such an assessment is carried out when a Member State is considering reducing the frequency of periodic technical inspections to align its existing rules with the minimum requirements under EU law.

If the minimum requirements are amended as a result of the current negotiations between the legislators, or in the future, Member States will have to adapt to comply with any change in EU law.
