

Type-approval requirements for the deployment of the eCall in-vehicle system based on the 112 service

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The Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection adopted the report by Olga Sehnalová (S&D, CZ) on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning type-approval requirements for the deployment of the eCall in-vehicle system and amending Directive 2007/46/EC.

The committee recommended that the position of the European Parliament adopted in first reading following the ordinary legislative procedure should amend the Commission proposal as follows:

112-based eCall system: Members stressed this in the title of the draft regulation. They noted that the mandatory introduction of the 112-based eCall in-vehicle system would make the service available to all citizens and thus contribute to the reduction of fatalities and severe injuries, of costs relating to healthcare, of congestion caused by accidents and of other costs.

Third party service supported eCall systems should coexist with the 112-based eCall in-vehicle system on the condition that the public 112-based eCall service is always available at least as the back-up option.

October 2015 for inception: Parliament has called for the mandatory deployment of the eCall in-vehicle system by 2015 and wishes to pursue that objective. However, acknowledging the fact that industry will need sufficient lead in time to develop and test eCall systems, and considering that the final date of the adoption of this Regulation is not yet known, the deadline of 1 October 2015 as proposed by the Commission could be reconsidered at a later stage.

Data protection: the report strengthened provisions on data protection, stating that any processing of personal data through the 112-based eCall in-vehicle system shall comply with the personal data protection rules.

Manufacturers shall ensure that the 112-based eCall in-vehicle system and another installed emergency call system and a system providing added-value services are designed in such a way that no exchange of personal data between them is possible.

Delegated acts: the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts, defining further the requirement of the absence of traceability and tracking and the privacy enhancing technologies with respect to eCall, in particular the security measures that providers of eCall services are to adopt in order to ensure lawful data processing and prevent unauthorised access, disclosure, alteration or loss of personal data processed.

Reporting and review: new provisions ensure that by 1 October 2018, the Commission shall prepare an evaluation report on the achievements of the 112-based eCall in-vehicle system, including its penetration rate. It shall investigate whether the scope of the Regulation should be extended to other categories of vehicles, such as powered two-wheelers, heavy goods vehicles, busses and coaches, and agricultural tractors. If appropriate, the Commission shall present a legislative proposal to that effect.