



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**



Council Conclusions on introducing Effective Parts Marking

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The Council adopted the following conclusions:

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1. Reaffirming the importance of preventing and combating crime, organised or otherwise in order to provide citizens with a high level of safety within an area of freedom, security and justice,
2. Considering that in the European Union the direct economic costs and the cost of property damages, related crimes, and personal harm due to cross-border vehicle crime and theft are intolerable and therefore the fight against organised cross-border vehicle theft should be stepped up.
3. Recalling Council Decision 2004/919/EC on tackling vehicle crime with cross-border implications.
4. Convinced that the use of Effective Parts Marking will be effective in reducing organized theft.

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5. Underlining the assumption that the economic and social gains as well the law enforcement benefits of such solutions should strike a positive balance with the financial cost.

Invites the Commission to present an impact assessment with the aim to investigate the possibility of a proposal for a Council Directive introducing Effective Parts Marking as a mandatory measure for all newly manufactured and imported / registered vehicles within the EU, thereby balancing the law enforcement requirements with the technical, financial and economic aspects, as well as international trade aspects, including an estimation of the possible deadline for such a measure.
