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#### **STANDARDISED CAR TAXES**

**The EU Commission wants to create a free market in new and used cars. To make this practical, they want to see taxes on them as compatible as possible.**

A study led by Fritz Bolkenstein, commissioner for internal EU trade, concludes that tax variations are too wide. The tax paid on registering a new or used car varies from nil in France to a maximum of 15.659 € on some cars in Denmark. Taxes on petrol and diesel are also widely diverse, and tend to be lower in countries where the other taxes are high. Someone moving from one member country to another with a car they bought new, may find themselves burdened with a heavy second registration tax. The same can apply to secondhand cars. Carmakers must sometimes produce technically different versions of their products to allow their customers in each country to get the best advantages out of the tax structure.

The Commission would like to see the total disappearance of all taxes on registration within ten years.

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