

# *Four MERCOSUR Members to Use Unified Vehicle Number Plates from 2016*

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Buenos Aires, October 9 (RHC-Mercopress) -- Four full members of the MERCOSUR trade bloc will use unified number plates for their vehicles starting in 2016, Argentine Foreign Minister Hector Timerman announced in Buenos Aires.

The four MERCOSUR members are Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay. "Mercosur is a tool for developing integration. Not only economic integration, but also political and social integration," Timerman said.

MERCOSUR plates will resemble European Union plates. They will be larger than the current ones (400 millimeters long by 130 mm high) and will be composed by four letter and three numbers.

In Argentina, the new plates will be used beginning next year, as number combinations within the current system are running out.

From 2016 onwards, the licence plates will be mandatory on new vehicles and old ones will be able to replace their plates progressively. A regional consultation

service will also be created to provide information on owners, plate ID, and auto model, aiming at fighting organized crime in the sub-continent.

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