Question for written answer E-003376/2025/rev.1
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Application of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2024/1141

In 2023, the Commission adopted Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2024/1141, which introduced a 96-hour limit for processing fishery products at temperatures between -18 °C and 0 °C. The regulation applies directly in every Member State, and any cases of non-compliance should be met with the same sanctions, regardless of the place of production.

However, available market data and information from industry representatives indicate that the new legislation is only being applied to selected Polish manufacturers. Only Poland has been subject to two DG SANTE audits and only Polish manufacturers have incurred substantial costs for adapting their processes to the new legislation. Meanwhile, the Commission has not taken any similar action against other countries where processing operations in low temperatures also take place but without adhering to the 96-hour time limit. This state of affairs understandably raises questions on equality in applying the law and respecting the principles of proportionality, non-discrimination and geographical balance.

In light of the above:

How does the Commission ensure proportionality and geographical balance when enforcing legislation on processing fishery products?

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