

**Question for written answer E-004388/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Ethanol imports from Pakistan and application of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/1206

In June 2025, the Commission adopted Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/1206, which provided for the application of Article 30 of Regulation (EU) No 978/2012, reintroducing customs duties for imports from Pakistan of non-fuel ethanol, which does not meet the renewable energy sustainability criteria and which accounts for 91 % of all ethanol imports.

However, despite the reintroduction of duties and the control measures announced, imports of ethanol from Pakistan into the EU market did not fall substantially in the weeks after the regulation was adopted.

The measure adopted by the Commission sought to correct market disturbances and ensure compliance with the sustainability criteria laid down by the Union. In view of this:

1. Is the Commission aware of the recent quantities of ethanol imported from Pakistan and any discrepancies with the objectives pursued by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/1206?
2. What surveillance and control measures are currently in place to verify the correct classification and destination of imported ethanol, in particular to prevent products declared as being for fuel use from subsequently being placed on the market for food or industrial uses?
3. Does it believe that further regulatory or corrective steps should be envisaged to ensure that the GSP+ measures against Pakistan are fully effective and to prevent distortions of competition on the EU ethanol market?

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