

Question for written answer E-001042/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation

The EU Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation¹ entered into force in February 2025, and its implementation with regard to food-contact packaging will start in August 2026 – for example, the restriction on per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), the conformity assessment procedure, and later requirements for recyclability, re-use and bans. However, there is no guidance on the methodology for determining possible PFAS in food-contact packaging, nor the scope and details of the conformity assessment. Without clear guidance and methodologies, it is difficult for businesses to prepare for the change, carry out their basic activities and boost competitiveness, which the Commission also aims to strengthen in Europe.

In addition, some definitions, such as the ‘producer’ for transport packaging, will become available in the middle of the reporting year, in August 2026. Change during the year risks the accuracy of 2026 reporting on transport packaging.

I would like to ask:

1. When is the Commission planning to publish a Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation notice document, which was first mentioned in December 2024? After almost 15 months, the guidance is yet to be published and the first part of the implementation will start in less than six months.
2. In addition, has the Commission considered delaying the change of producer responsibility for transport packaging until at least the beginning of 2027, to ensure a smoother transition?

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¹ Regulation (EU) 2025/40 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 December 2024 on packaging and packaging waste, amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 and Directive (EU) 2019/904, and repealing Directive 94/62/EC (OJ L, 2025/40, 22.1.2025, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2025/40/oj>).