

**Question for written answer E-003109/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: The disproportionate impact of the temporary customs duty on low-value mixed consignments

Under Council Regulation (EU) 2026/382, from 1 July 2026 until 1 July 2028 a customs duty of EUR 3 is applicable per tariff sub-heading in consignments whose intrinsic value does not exceed a total of EUR 150. The objectives of fairer competition and improved customs controls are justified.

However, there are indications that the levy per tariff sub-heading is making mixed orders disproportionately expensive. In one of the reported cases, an order for electronic components worth EUR 26.81 incurred EUR 14.52 in additional customs charges. This may affect hobbyists, repairers, researchers and small businesses, particularly where specialised components are concerned and which are not available within the EU.

1. Is the Commission aware of the potentially disproportionate impact of the levy per tariff sub-heading, and does it intend to examine the impact on consumers, looking, amongst other things, at the relationship between the levy and the intrinsic value of consignments?
2. Is the Commission considering applying targeted adjustments, such as a maximum amount per consignment, a minimum threshold or a broader grouping of closely related tariff sub-headings, with appropriate safeguards to prevent circumvention?

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