

**Question for written answer E-003267/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Administrative burden under Regulation (EU) 2025/40

Regulation (EU) 2025/40¹ (PPWR) applies from 12 August 2026 and was presented as harmonisation for the single market.

For the smallest businesses the effect seems to be the opposite. A company sending a parcel to a consumer in another Member State is treated as a producer there. It must register in that country's producer register, specify the packaging materials used, report quantities and pay fees, separately in each Member State. These costs are largely fixed and do not scale with turnover, so a seller shipping a few parcels a year faces broadly the same administrative overhead as a large retailer.

Swedish small businesses have publicly announced that they are closing their online stores to customers in other Member States as of 12 August, because compliance is not viable at their volumes.

1. Has the Commission assessed the risk that micro-enterprises will stop selling across borders as a result of these obligations?
2. Has the Commission assessed the cumulative administrative cost borne by a micro-enterprise registering in several Member States?
3. Will the Commission examine an exemption from producer registration for SMEs, regardless of the volume of packaging placed on the market?

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¹ Regulation (EU) 2025/40 of 19 December 2024 on packaging and packaging waste (ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2025/40/oj>).