

**Question for written answer E-003393/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: The PPWR and existing reusable packaging schemes

In many sectors, particularly in the drinks industry, schemes for the reuse of glass bottles, crates, kegs and other packaging have been in operation for years. However, businesses are warning of uncertainty regarding the application of the new PPWR requirements to packaging already in circulation and the method for recording the number of times it has been reused. Individually marking and tracking millions of items of packaging could require costly technical changes, while withdrawing packaging that is still usable would lead to the generation of additional waste.

In light of the above:

1. Will the Commission confirm that reusable packaging placed on the market before the new labelling requirements enter into force may remain in circulation until the end of its natural life without the need for modernisation?
2. Can compliance with the requirements regarding the number of circulation cycles be demonstrated on the basis of reliable statistical and operational data, without the need to track each item of packaging individually?
3. Will existing reuse schemes be deemed compliant with the PPWR without the need to redraft documentation and demonstrate compliance with Annex VI?

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