

**Question for written answer E-003400/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Regulation on packaging and packaging waste: registration requirements and extended producer responsibility obligations

Regulation (EU) 2025/40 introduces registration requirements and extended producer responsibility obligations for those who market packaging or packaged products in different Member States.

Those who sell small volumes online in the EU have expressed concerns about the cumulative administrative and economic burden resulting from the registration requirements and extended producer responsibility obligations in each Member State, including the appointment of authorised representatives. For businesses that make only a limited number of cross-border shipments every year, those fixed costs could be disproportionate to the actual volume of packaging waste generated and constitute a barrier to accessing the single market.

The Commission's impact assessment accompanying the regulation envisaged specific treatment for micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises to ensure that the regulation's impact would be proportional.

1. How did the Commission assess the specific administrative and economic impact of the extended producer responsibility obligations on microenterprises and self-employed individuals that carry out a low volume of cross-border e-commerce?
2. How will it monitor whether Member States' effective implementation of Articles 44 and 45 results in disproportionate costs or barriers to the single market for such companies?
3. If disproportionate impacts are identified, will the Commission consider additional simplification, harmonisation or de minimis measures for microenterprises and sellers with low volumes of cross-border shipments?

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