

**Question for written answer E-003514/2026**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 144  
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**Subject:** Administrative burden on micro and small enterprises in cross-border online trade as a result of the application of the Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation

Regulation (EU) 2025/40 on packaging and packaging waste introduces key obligations to ensure that producers help pay for the management of packaging waste. However, the application of Articles 44 and 45 risks creating a disproportionate administrative burden for tradespeople and micro and small enterprises involved in cross-border B2C online trade.

1. Does the Commission intend to perform a targeted assessment of the impact of Articles 44 and 45 on tradespeople and micro and small enterprises occasionally selling cross-border B2C or placing very small quantities of packaging on the market of another Member State, encompassing cumulative fixed administrative costs in more than one Member States?
2. How does it intend to ensure that registration fees and the costs associated with mandatory authorised representation are proportionate and based on actual costs, particularly for producers placing very small quantities of packaging on the market of a single Member State?
3. Is it considering the possibility of establishing a harmonised, simplified regime or a de minimis threshold for very small quantities of packaging and occasional cross-border sales, as well as a single European registration and reporting system, modelled on the VAT One Stop Shop scheme, while maintaining the obligation on producers to help pay for the management of packaging waste in the country of destination?

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