

Question for written answer E-003735/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Extended producer responsibility obligations and cross-border sales by micro-enterprises

The Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR) aims, among other things, to create business opportunities for small businesses and innovators. However, micro-enterprises selling very small quantities to consumers in other Member States may face separate extended producer responsibility (EPR) registration, reporting and fixed compliance costs in each destination country, often before making their first sale. Such costs may be disproportionate to the scale of sales and discourage the smallest businesses from testing demand and benefiting from the EU internal market.

In the light of this:

1. Does the Commission consider that the EPR costs and administrative obligations imposed on micro-enterprises making very small-scale cross-border sales are proportionate and compatible with the effective functioning of the EU internal market?
2. Does the Commission plan to introduce EU-level de minimis thresholds or other simplifications for micro-enterprises handling very small volumes of packaging?
3. Could the Commission establish a centralised EU-level registration and reporting system, such as an EPR one-stop shop, to reduce fixed compliance costs and the need for separate procedures in each Member State?

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