

**Question for written answer E-003870/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Electronic consignment note is a burden on small producers

The Greek Government now requires producers who sell their goods at farmers' markets to use electronic consignment notes even when they are transporting exclusively their own produce from their farm to the farmers' market.

According to the Independent Authority for Public Revenue (AADE) this requirement comes under phase two of the electronic monitoring of goods and will enter into force on 12 October 2026. These producers are already required to record their farming activity, stay on top of licensing and record retail sales electronically. Additional digitalisation requirements place a significant and unfamiliar burden particularly on small producers who frequently transport perishable products and return unsold quantities.

The Commission has recognised the administrative burden on small farmers in particular and, as part of its efforts to simplify the common agricultural policy, is pushing for a reduced administrative burden and the once-only principle to streamline data submission through interoperable digital systems.

In view of the above, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Does it believe that requiring small producers to comply with additional digital obligations concerning data that is already available to national authorities, is consistent with its policy of simplifying farmers' obligations and with the once-only data reporting principle?
2. Does it intend to encourage Member States to provide for simplification and exceptions in such cases, without undermining the effectiveness of tax controls?

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