

Question for written answer E-003942/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Actions to address the consequences of applying the regulation on packaging and packaging waste to small and medium-sized businesses

Regulation (EU) 2025/40 on packaging and packaging waste (PPWR) introduces significant new obligations for businesses, particularly regarding the requirement to be registered in the national registry and apply the rules on extended producer responsibility (EPR).

In particular, the obligation to appoint an authorised representative for the extended producer responsibility creates significant administrative and financial costs with disproportionate effects, especially on micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises, limiting, in practice, their access to the single market.

Given that there has already been a proposal to suspend the implementation of this obligation until 1 January 2035, will the Commission say:

1. How does it intend to ensure that the implementation of the regulation and EPR obligations does not place a disproportionate burden on SMEs or create obstacles for their cross-border activities in the single market?
2. In addition to the temporary suspension proposed in the Environmental Omnibus (VIII) package, is it considering the permanent simplification of the relevant obligations for micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises and the reversal of the obligation to appoint an authorised representative in other Member States?
3. Is it considering the creation of a single European entry point for registration and the possibility of submitting a registration free of charge – or for a proportionate fee – for all Member States in which a company operates?

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