

Question for written answer E-004081/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Application and enforcement of Article 148 of Regulation (EU) 2026/1739 for cooperative milk suppliers

Article 148(5)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2026/1739 exempts milk supplied by a member to their cooperative from the requirement for a written contract where the cooperative's statutes or derived rules contain transparent, democratically decided rules, which are made known in advance, on price determination and payment. Paragraph 7 provides a right to require a written contract for exemptions under paragraphs 5(b) and 6, but not under paragraph 5(a).

1. Does revised Article 148 apply to milk delivered on or after 19 August 2028 where the governing agreement between the member and the cooperative was concluded before that date?
2. Is any competent authority required to verify that a cooperative meets the conditions set out in Article 148(5)(a), and what effective remedy is available to a member where those conditions are not met?
3. Does the transparency requirement in Article 148(5)(a) also cover the measurement of the volume, composition and quality of the milk on which a member's payment is calculated? If not, does the Commission intend to address independent verification of such measurements through implementing acts under paragraph 11?

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