

**Question for written answer E-004086/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Application of the Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR) to plant pots procured before 12 August 2026

In its reply of 17 September 2026 to question E-003122/2026¹, the Commission addresses the matter of existing packaging stocks by referring to section X.5 of the Frequently Asked Questions for the Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation and the possibility of an accompanying document. However, the reply does not clarify how this arrangement is to be applied to the particular production processes in horticulture. Flowerpots and plant pots are often procured long before sale and used for cultivation over a period of months or years.

1. How does the arrangement for existing stock apply to pots which were procured before 12 August 2026 and which were either filled with plants only after that date, or which were already being used for cultivation before that date but which were only placed on the market after that date as the final pot together with the plant and then becoming packaging?
2. What is the Commission's assessment of the additional materials, resources and workload entailed in the retroactive labelling of such pots in the light of the resource efficiency and waste prevention objectives set out in the Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation?
3. Does the Commission intend to propose transitional arrangements for cases where it can be demonstrated that pots were procured or used for cultivation prior to 12 August 2026, and if not, how will the practical challenges – particularly in relation to perennial plants – be resolved?

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2026-003122-ASW_EN.html.