

**Question for written answer E-004170/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Plastic in beer, glitter at carnivals

The Commission has restricted the placing on the market of synthetic polymer microparticles through Regulation (EU) 2023/2055, a move perceived by the public as a ‘glitter ban’. At the same time, throughout the EU, beer is commonly treated with polyvinylpolypyrrolidone (PVPP), an insoluble synthetic polymer powder that binds polyphenols and is subsequently filtered out. As a processing aid, it does not appear in the list of ingredients under Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011; in any case, this list is not required for delicious beer. This means that the public learns that their carnival costumes pose a threat to the environment, but not that their lager has been clarified using plastic.

1. Does PVPP, which is used for beer clarification, fall within the scope of Regulation (EU) 2023/2055, and if not, under which exemption?
2. Does the Commission have data on the quantities of PVPP used annually in breweries across the Union and how it is disposed of at the end of its useful life, including discharges into wastewater?
3. Does the Commission intend to make it compulsory to list processing aids in alcoholic drinks, so that consumers can make an informed choice between filtered beer and glitter?

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