

**Question for written answer E-004187/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Impact of new EU customs duties on affordable books and cultural goods in Ireland

Given the introduction of fixed-rate customs duties on low-value parcels entering the EU, can the Commission assess the potential impact of these measures on consumers in peripheral, English-speaking Member States such as Ireland, particularly regarding access to affordable printed books, second-hand and out-of-print publications, educational materials and English-language DVDs and Blu-rays, and will it consider targeted exemptions or simplified customs procedures for these goods, taking into account their cultural and educational value, the limited availability of equivalent products within the EU, and the objectives of the circular economy?

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