

**Priority question for written answer P-004249/2026
to the Commission**

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Subject: Marketing standards for fruit and vegetables – information requirements at the retail sale stage

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/2429¹, applicable from 1 January 2025, is creating difficulties for small and medium-sized fruit and vegetable retailers. Under Article 7, retailers must provide information including the variety and, where required by the relevant marketing standard, the size of the product. For products sold loose, consumers can assess size directly, while verifying and displaying this information may create disproportionate costs and administrative burdens for small and medium-sized retailers. One possible solution would be to remove the size indication requirement for loose products at retail level, while maintaining it for prepacked products, where size can be determined at the packing stage. A derogation or simplified requirements for small retailers could also be considered.

1. Does the Commission intend to examine the possibility of removing the requirement to indicate the size of fruit and vegetables sold loose at retail level, while maintaining relevant requirements for prepacked products and, where appropriate, packaging for business-to-business sales?
2. Does the Commission intend to assess the proportionality of these requirements in the light of consumer needs and the administrative and financial burden on small and medium-sized retailers?
3. Does the Commission envisage an ex-post assessment of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/2429 and the introduction of a derogation or simplified requirements for small retailers?

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¹ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/2429 of 17 August 2023 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards marketing standards for the fruit and vegetables sector, certain processed fruit and vegetable products and the bananas sector, and repealing Commission Regulation (EC) No 1666/1999 and Commission Implementing Regulations (EU) No 543/2011 and (EU) No 1333/2011 (OJ L, 2023/2429, 3.11.2023, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2023/2429/oj).