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Question for written answer E-003229/25
to the Commission
Piotr Müller (ECR)
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Subject: The exclusion of stretch wrap and PET tape from the reuse obligation in the draft packaging and packaging waste regulation (PPWR) and the transparency of the consultation process

Article 29 of the draft PPWR introduces an obligation to use reusable packaging for the transport of goods within a single Member State and company from 2030. This means the elimination of common solutions, such as stretch wrap and PET tape, despite their low carbon footprint and high logistical efficiency, as confirmed by independent analyses (e.g. IFEU 2025). The lack of technological alternatives and the risk of job losses and price increases are raising concerns for industry. In addition, the delegated act announced on the basis of Article 29(18), allowing for exemptions, has not yet been adopted, and its drafting process is proceeding without sufficient transparency and consultation with industry.

In light of the above:

1. Does the Commission intend to exempt stretch wrap and PET tape from the reuse obligation under Article 29(18) of the PPWR?
2. When does the Commission plan to adopt the delegated act referred to in Article 29(18) of the PPWR, and can it guarantee full transparency and genuine industry involvement in the development of this document?
3. There are reports that the Commission does not intend to exempt cases from Article 29(1) of the PPWR, even though analyses (IFEU, RDC Environment) confirm the environmental benefits of stretch wrap and PET tape. On what basis is the Commission taking the decision to promote less environmentally friendly solutions in contravention of the objectives of the PPWR?

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Answer given by Ms Roswall on behalf of the European Commission
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The new Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation ⁽¹⁾ applies from 12 August 2026. Following its adoption, the Commission has launched a study to assess whether the 100% reuse target for pallet wrappings and straps in transport operations in Article 29 (2 and 3) can feasibly be achieved by 2030 without undermining the environmental performance, disrupting supply chains or transport safety, or imposing economic constraints on the sector.

The study is at its final stage and, based on its results, the Commission intends to propose a delegated act under Article 29(18) before the end of 2025 which will exempt those wrappings and straps for which the economic, environmental and operational data do not support the application of the 100% target.

The Commission will actively involve Member States and relevant industry stakeholders through the Expert Working Group on waste in the discussions on the draft delegated act.

Finally, the Commission's impact assessment ⁽²⁾ concluded that reuse targets on the transport packaging formats listed in Article 29(1) of the Packaging Regulation are feasible, do not undermine environmental performance, and do not lead to negative economic impacts on the concerned economic operators.

The Commission is thoroughly assessing all available scientific input ⁽³⁾ to see if the prerequisites to revise the provisions in Article 29(1) are scientifically underpinned.

⁽¹⁾ Regulation (EU) 2025/40 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 December 2024 on packaging and packaging waste, amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 and Directive (EU) 2019/904, and repealing Directive 94/62/EC, OJ L, 2025/40, 22.1.2025.

⁽²⁾ https://environment.ec.europa.eu/document/download/920f946e-4e98-4de5-b1e5-c948a81a10f5_en.

⁽³⁾ Including recently published studies from the Institut für Energie- und Umweltforschung (IFEU) and RDC Environment.