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Answer given by Ms Roswall
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission assessed the feasibility of a 100% reuse target for pallet wrappings and straps used for transport within the same Member State or within the same company, through a dedicated study¹.

The study concluded that the exclusive use of reusable options in 2030 could undermine transport safety and lead to disproportionate costs. On this basis, and pursuant to Article 29(18)(a) of Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation² (PPWR), the Commission has adopted a Delegated Act³ exempting the use of pallet wrappings and straps from economic operators under Article 29(2 and 3).

Under Article 30(3), for the 40% target, the Commission shall adopt an implementing act establishing the methodology for calculating compliance with the reuse targets⁴ by 30 June 2027. The work on the methodology is already underway and aims to be simple and proportionate, minimising administrative burden⁵ while fully considering hygiene and food safety considerations. In that context, the Commission will look at the availability of reusable solutions at scale and beyond pallets wrappings and straps.

In addition, Article 29(13) provides for exemptions for micro-enterprises and operators placing no more than one tonne of packaging on the market per year, thereby avoiding disproportionate impacts on smaller companies.

¹ <https://op.europa.eu/s/Ada1>, page 13.

² 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.

³ https://environment.ec.europa.eu/publications/commission-delegated-decision-exempting-certain-economic-operators-use-pallet-wrappings-and-straps_en.

⁴ The reuse target allows operators flexibility in organising their operations. For example, they may use reusable wrappings for shorter intra-EU transport and single-use wrappings for longer distances or combine single-use pallet wrappings with other reusable transport formats listed in Article 29(1), while still meeting the overall 40% reuse target.

⁵ For instance, by taking advantage of digitalisation.