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Answer given by Ms Roswall
on behalf of the European Commission
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To minimise administrative burdens and costs for small businesses, the Commission proposed, in December 2025, in its Environmental Omnibus¹, to suspend the obligation for producers to appoint an authorised representative when they sell packaged products directly to consumers in Member States other than the one where they are located.

The Commission has repeatedly called upon the European Parliament and the Council to adopt the proposal as quickly as possible and stands ready to work on it as a matter of urgency. In the meantime, the Commission has invited Member States to take a constructive and pragmatic approach and to avoid disproportionate enforcement.

To support an easy and smooth transition to the new rules, the Commission is working closely with stakeholders and Member States to ensure a practical implementation. As part of the Circular Economy Act², the Commission is assessing a broader reform of extended producer responsibility schemes, focusing on simplification, harmonisation and digitalisation.

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_2997.

² https://environment.ec.europa.eu/strategy/circular-economy_en.