

**Question for written answer E-000864/2024/rev.1  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Online traders from non-EU countries – Question 2 of 4

Imports into the EU with a value of more than EUR 150 are subject to customs duties. Therefore, in theory, customs duties should be paid on all products costing more than EUR 150. Asian suppliers in particular, such as Temu, undermine this requirement by no longer sending large consignments on pallets – instead, they package and ship goods individually in small packages and parcels. If a single product costs more than EUR 150, it is – if possible – disassembled into its constituent parts, which are then shipped separately. This way, none of the individually shipped items costs more than EUR 150. In practice, customs duties are therefore only paid on around one in every thousand packages. The EU's Supply Chains Directive does not seem to have any effect.

1. In the Commission's view, how much damage has been caused so far by losses of customs duties?
2. What steps does the Commission intend to take in response to the fact that shipping products in individual parcels and packages creates bottlenecks in global air transport, especially since this practice represents a step backwards in terms of environmental protection and the EU's ambition to become carbon neutral?

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