

**Priority question for written answer P-000856/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Implementation of the Single-Use Plastics Directive with particular regard to the extended producer responsibility referred to in Article 8

The Commission announced that it would be drawing up guidelines on the harmonised implementation of extended producer responsibility under Article 8 of the Single-Use Plastics Directive (Directive (EU) 2019/904) in order to ensure consistent application in all Member States. Those guidelines have not yet been published. As a result of extended producer responsibility, businesses in all Member States are already required to pay contributions into national recycling schemes.

1. Is the Commission still drawing up the guidelines? If it is, what is the state of play and when is publication likely to take place? If it is not, why have the guidelines not been drawn up?
2. In connection with the forthcoming evaluation of the Single-Use Plastics Directive, what measures is the Commission considering in order to cut red tape for businesses and ensure more straightforward and more efficient implementation of the directive, and in this context, is the Commission planning measures for greater harmonisation of national implementation arrangements in order to prevent distortions of competition and additional costs for businesses?
3. How does the Commission view the problem of the same packaging being charged for more than once under parallel recycling schemes, and is thought being given to establishing a standard solution in the EU so as to prevent double charging and minimise costs for businesses?

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