

**Question for written answer E-002335/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Red tape generated by EU regulations and directives

Much is being asked of businesses in Lower Saxony in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine. The administrative burden placed on businesses has also become heavier. Viewed in isolation, the regulations that are in the pipeline or have recently entered into force reflect a positive approach. However, the sheer number of new bureaucratic requirements is placing a major strain on the human and financial resources of many companies. In April 2021, the Commission announced the 'one in, one out' principle to keep red tape to a minimum. There has been some criticism as to whether that principle was followed with regard to the development of a number of regulations and directives that have been adopted recently. I would draw attention to the following in that regard:

1. The Taxonomy Regulation
 2. Regulating supply chains
 3. Regulatory proposals concerning Basel III
 4. The Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism Regulation
 5. The NIS 2 Directive
 6. The Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive
 7. The impact of EU law on authorisation procedures
 8. Revision of the REACH Regulation
 9. Revision of the Industrial Emissions Directive
 10. Revision of the Environmental Crime Directive
1. Are there any plans to suspend or amend the regulations and directives listed above to minimise the additional burden on businesses?
 2. What efforts are being made to cut red tape for small and medium-sized enterprises?
 3. What plans are there to improve adherence to the 'one in, one out' principle in future?