

**Question for written answer E-003711/2022  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Packaging licences

Directive (EU) 2018/851 of 30 May 2018 acts as a hindrance to many (online) traders when it comes to freely exercising their business activities. In particular, small businesses that do not ship large quantities of packages face a lot of red tape. The directive is implemented differently in each Member State, which creates a high level of bureaucracy and is costly. This significantly hampers the functioning of the internal market. Many SMEs would rather refrain from sending their products to other Member States than deal with the various regulations and licences.

1. Is the Commission aware of the problem that packaging licences differ in the Member States?
2. Does the Commission intend to evaluate how the measures taken so far have been implemented?
3. Does the Commission intend to adapt Directive (EU) 2018/851 to ensure a more proportionate and transparent Union framework?

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