

**Question for written answer E-000139/2023
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Shipment of waste

Rules protecting the environment and human health from the potential adverse effects of waste shipments should also contribute to facilitating environmentally sound waste management, in line with the waste hierarchy set out in Article 4 of Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, and to reducing the overall impacts and improving the efficiency of resource use. Without proper management, waste treatment and disposal can have a range of adverse effects on the environment and people's quality of life, some of which are difficult to mitigate.

1. What specific measures will the Commission take to ensure a real transition towards a circular economy with regard to the shipment of waste from the place of origin to the most appropriate treatment site, bearing in mind that the proximity principle, material efficiency and the need to reduce the environmental footprint of waste also need to be accounted for?
2. Will it define a separate category for EV batteries in the relevant regulations to set specific collection and recycling rates that reflect the technical requirements, and to raise recycling efficiency targets where feasible to over 90 % in order to reach a high recycling rate, especially for the critical metals cobalt, nickel and lithium?

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