

**Question for written answer E-000761/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Placing on the market of single-use plastic products and the derogation in Italy for 'biodegradable and compostable' plastic products

Directive (EU) 2019/904 on the reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment was transposed into Italian law by way of Legislative Decree No 196/21, and Article 5(3) of that Decree exempts, in certain cases, from the prohibition on the placing on the market of single-use products, those made of 'biodegradable and compostable' material certified in accordance with European standard UNI EN 13432 or UNI EN 14995. This would seem to conflict with the provisions of the Directive itself. Can the Commission therefore answer the following questions:

1. Has it taken action, or does it plan to take action, against this exemption of 'biodegradable and compostable' plastics provided for in Legislative Decree No 196/21?
2. If so, what action has it taken?

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