

**Question for written answer E-000866/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 138

Maximilian Krah (ID)

Subject: Online traders from non-EU countries – Question 4 of 4

Parcels with a value of less than EUR 150 sent from non-EU countries are not subject to a customs duty but should theoretically incur an import turnover tax and (depending on the type of product) a sales tax. In practice, however, these two taxes are paid only in exceptional circumstances. First of all, non-EU traders like Temu only enclose a delivery note. Invoices showing the applicable taxes are hard to come by in practice, even upon repeated request. What is more, given the sheer volume of packages and parcels (approximately 900 000 per day), it is virtually impossible to levy charges. No import service has the capacity for this.

1. According to the Commission's estimates, what is the economic damage to each individual Member State as a result of the above?
2. What action is the Commission considering to remedy this discrepancy?

Submitted:20.3.2024