

Question for written answer E-003621/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
Pascal Arimont (PPE)

Subject: Impact of CBAM on energy-intensive industries

In the light of the recent public consultation procedure on extending the carbon border adjustment mechanism (CBAM) to downstream products, and the upcoming general review of CBAM's scope – including raw materials – significant uncertainties remain about its final coverage and impact on EU industrial sectors, particularly energy-intensive industries under the EU Emissions Trading System.

In the light of the above:

1. During the last consultation, the Commission sought input on a broad list of goods that could potentially be covered by CBAM. Given this, which categories, such as those listed under the statistical classification of economic activities in the EU codes, does the Commission intend to prioritise?
2. How will the Commission protect EU production and keep a level playing field if raw materials and downstream products used as manufacturing inputs are covered by CBAM while finished goods are excluded, particularly those that are progressively losing free allowances under the EU Emissions Trading System?
3. Will CBAM revenues be earmarked to support lower production costs in the EU, strengthen critical raw material supply chains and promote the market uptake of low-carbon products?

Submitted: 18.9.2025