

**Question for written answer E-003841/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: Missing Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism benchmarks and economic risks for European companies

In its reply¹ to Question E-002914/2025², the Commission indicated that the benchmarks and default values required for the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) will only be available once the update of the EU Emissions Trading System (ETS) benchmarks for 2026-2030 is completed, i.e. in early 2026. Until then, companies lack reliable calculation parameters for import decisions.

This creates legal and planning uncertainty, since many firms with long supply chains must already conclude contracts and set prices. As a result, European businesses face competitive risks and potential economic harm.

1. On what exact date does the Commission plan to publish the new EU ETS benchmarks, the derived CBAM benchmarks and the missing default values, so that companies can calculate their costs in time?
2. Has the Commission carried out an impact assessment on the economic risks for European companies resulting from the delay, and if so, when will it be published?
3. In view of these risks, has the Commission considered postponing the use of the CBAM by 12-to-24 months, and if not, why not?

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2025-002914-ASW_EN.pdf.

² https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2025-002914_EN.pdf.