

**Question for written answer E-000722/2026
to the Commission**
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Subject: Impact of the carbon border adjustment mechanism (CBAM) on European production and small and medium-sized enterprises

The transitional application of the carbon border adjustment mechanism (CBAM) is already placing a heavy burden on the EU's small and medium-sized enterprises and producers, especially in Member States with high energy costs and limited administrative capacity. More red tape, the lack of clear technical guidance and the disparities in digital infrastructure between Member States create conditions of unfair competition, while non-EU producers continue to operate without such impediments.

The 'green transition', as it is being implemented, risks leading to de-industrialisation and weakening domestic production, transferring the cost to European producers and consumers and apparently without any substantial environmental benefit globally.

In view of the above, can the Commission answer the following:

1. How does it view the impact of the CBAM on the viability of small and medium-sized enterprises and European production?
2. Does it intend to review the implementation framework of the mechanism in order to avoid losing competitiveness to non-EU countries?
3. What measures will it take to effectively protect producers in Member States who are disproportionately affected by increased compliance costs?

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