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to the Commission**
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Subject: Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism implementation from 2026

Starting in 2026, under the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) framework, carbon tax will apply to the steel raw material that EU manufacturers use for nail production. However, this tax will not apply to finished nails imported from non-EU countries, which importers simply resell on the EU market. This will create significantly unequal competitive conditions for the EU manufacturers, as domestic production will be taxed more heavily than imported finished products. Such regulation will directly weaken the competitiveness of EU-based companies and will increase the risk that production may be reduced or relocated outside the EU.

Are there any potential amendments being considered by the Commission to ensure that the CBAM charge applies not only to steel raw materials but also to finished nails imported from non-EU countries, which importers simply resell on the EU market, in order to avoid unequal competitive conditions for EU manufacturers?

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