

NEWS REGARDING THE CBAM REGULATION



CURRENT MODIFICATION PROPOSALS IMPLEMENTED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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CARBON BORDER ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM

In the last year of the transitional period, the application process to become an authorized CBAM declarant is launched on 31 March 2025 in the CBAM Registry allowing importers and indirect customs representatives to apply for it. At the end of February 2025 the Commission also proposed a CBAM simplification package based on the experiences and feedback gained during the implementation of CBAM Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2023/956 regarding Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism) since 1 October 2023. On 22 May 2025, the European Parliament endorsed the proposal.

THE MAIN POINTS OF THE SIMPLIFICATION PROPOSAL

- »» A broader derogation from CBAM requirements of importers of very small quantities of CBAM goods: the proposed new CBAM de minimis threshold exemption is 50 tonnes mass. Due to this change, the CBAM environmental objectives remain still achievable as 99% of the total CO₂ emission from imports of iron, steel, aluminium, cement and fertilisers would be covered by the rules although the majority of the importers (ca 90%) would be exempted.
- »» A set of simplifications for the rest of the importers of CBAM goods to facilitate their compliance with the administrative requirements: the proposal simplifies and streamlines the authorisation procedure for national competent authorities and the Commission, the data collection processes from third country producers to authorised CBAM declarants, the calculation of embedded emissions for certain goods, the emission verification rules and the claim by authorised CBAM declarants for carbon prices paid in third countries where goods are produced.

Going forward, a full review of CBAM will come later this year, to assess its potential extension to other ETS sectors, downstream goods, indirect emissions. The Commission will also examine, how to help exporters of CBAM products at risk of carbon leakage. This will be followed by a legislative proposal in early 2026.

More information can be found on the website of EU:

https://taxation-customs.ec.europa.eu/carbon-border-adjustment-mechanism_en/latest-developments

THE NEW MODIFICATION PROPOSAL FOR CBAM REGULATION