

Joint High-Level Statement on the Extension of the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) by the European Parliament to additional downstream industries

The signatories call on the European Parliament to ensure an effective and comprehensive extension of the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) to relevant steel and aluminium-intensive downstream industries during the upcoming plenary vote.

The European Parliament has already taken an important step forward in comparison to the Commission proposal. Notably, the ITRE Committee has proposed a wide, structural scope extension to downstream industries. On the other side, the ENVI Committee has adopted its report proposing an extension of the CBAM scope to only around 220 customs codes.

These developments demonstrate broad political recognition that the current scope of the CBAM remains insufficient to address carbon leakage risks throughout the industrial value chains. However, many steel and aluminium-intensive downstream products continue to fall outside the scope of the mechanism.

As a result, manufacturers of products used across many important industries, such as energy, mobility, machinery, packaging, construction, clean technology, defence, hand tools and metal goods sectors remain exposed to unfair competition from imports produced under significantly lower environmental standards. European companies continue to bear the costs of the EU Emissions Trading System (ETS), while competing imported finished products are not subject to equivalent carbon costs. This creates an uneven playing field, undermines investment in industrial decarbonisation, and shifts carbon leakage further downstream.

The forthcoming plenary vote represents the final opportunity for the European Parliament to strengthen its position before interinstitutional negotiations with the Council begin. We therefore urge Members of the European Parliament to support amendments extending the CBAM scope to additional downstream steel and aluminium-intensive products that remain outside the ENVI Committee report to avoid delocalisation and ensure that European industries stay in Europe.

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