



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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C(2021)9714 final*

*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Senát for its opinion on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a carbon border adjustment mechanism {COM(2021) 564 final}.*

*This proposal was announced by the Commission in the context of the 'Fit for 55 Package', which consists in a set of integrated and interconnected proposals in the fields of climate, energy, transport, and taxation {COM(2020) 690 final}. A carbon border adjustment mechanism ('CBAM'), announced in the European Green Deal, is part of that package and will be an essential element to meet the objective of a climate-neutral European Union by 2050 in line with the Paris Agreement. Designed in compliance with the World Trade Organisation rules, CBAM will address the risk of carbon leakage as a result of the increased Union climate ambition. The Commission recalls that the CBAM is an alternative to the measures currently addressing the risk of carbon leakage under the EU's Emissions Trading System (Directive 2003/87/EC), which is currently proposed for revision. The CBAM would gradually replace those measures as from 2026, after a transition period for the years 2023 to 2025.*

*Discussions between the Commission, the European Parliament, and the Council concerning the proposal are now underway, and the Commission remains hopeful that an agreement will be reached in the near future.*

*The Commission duly takes notes of the support of the Senát to the position of the Czech Government.*

*It looks forward to continuing the political dialogue with the Senát in the future.*

*Yours faithfully,*

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Vice-President*

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