



Parlamentul României
Senat

Bucharest, 29th October 2012

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OPINION

**of the SENATE OF ROMANIA on the
Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive
2003/87/EC clarifying provisions on the timing of auctions of greenhouse gas allowances**

COM(2012) 416 final

The Senate of Romania has checked the compliance with the subsidiarity and proportionality principles of **the proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2003/87/EC clarifying provisions on the timing of auctions of greenhouse gas allowances – COM (2012)416 final**, according to the provisions of the Treaty of Lisbon (Protocol no.2).

Taking into account the report of the Committee for public administration, organization of the territory and protection of the environment, **the Plenum of the Senate**, during its session of the 29th October 2012, has found that the examined proposal is in compliance with the principle of subsidiarity. Nevertheless, following the analysis of the content of the proposal and in the perspective of the negotiations to come, the Senate considers as necessary the analysis and clarification of the issues related to the:

- a) competences of the Commission and role of Member States;
- b) exceptional circumstances;
- c) importance of an impact assessment to assess the impact on national budgets and installations covered by the ETS scheme, as well as the efficiency of the proposed measure in the context of the objective of increasing ETS scheme efficiency;
- d) economic and social considerations, such as increase of price of energy, respectively the degree of supportability of increase of price of energy by population.

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