

**Question for written answer E-006619/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Increase in the cost of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions permits

European companies are included in the carbon emissions market for the 2013-2020 period. This is an additional cost which other companies in the global market do not have to bear, making them much more competitive than their European counterparts. Moves are currently being made to considerably increase the price of carbon emissions permits in order to encourage companies to invest in low-emission technologies.

While accepting the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, this Member would like to know:

1. Whether the Commission has assessed the impact of increasing the cost of emissions permits and the possibility of carbon tax evasion towards countries which have not signed the Kyoto Protocol?
2. Whether the Commission has assessed the impact that approval of this increase will have on European industrial competitiveness on the global market?