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to the Commission
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Subject: Effect of ETS on the importation of ceramics

With the publication last year of the Commission's legislative proposal for the fourth phase of the Emissions Trading System (ETS) – for the period 2021 to 2030 – there will be many sectors which will have to adapt to this regime, as they have done with the previous phases.

The production of ceramics in Europe is certainly an area that has changed and will continue to change with the development of the ETS. Already we are seeing a small growth in the amount of imports from non-EU states for brick and clay roof tiles, but with population growth in many EU Member States, not least the UK, demand for housing is doubtless going to increase, and is indeed already particularly high in the UK.

Hence, does the Commission have a view on the amount of emissions that will result from the importation of ceramics from countries where it is cheaper to produce them (e.g. China, Pakistan and India), taking into account not only transportation but also production in the places of origin.

Also, is the Commission aware of the potential job losses in the European ceramics industry that may occur as a result of this potential development as it unfolds in the next decade?