Question for written answer P-000938/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Sorin Moisă (S&D)

Subject: Border adjustment measures to protect European competitiveness

In the debates on the reform of the European carbon markets (ETS), one of the options invoked by numerous participants, including Commission officials, with a view to preserving the level playing field for, in particular, our energy-intensive industries that compete on the global markets has been the introduction of so-called 'border adjustment measures'.

These measures would be directed at competing products and industries from countries with weaker climate policies, or at all events with no equivalent carbon pricing systems. I would very much appreciate a detailed answer as to whether and to what extent such a regime would be compatible with WTO rules. Legal sources, documents and information on limitations and conditions that might apply would also be much appreciated.

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