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Commission Decision 2010/670/EU (the NER 300 Decision)¹ lays down criteria and measures for the financing of commercial demonstration projects that aim at the environmentally safe capture and geological storage of CO₂ as well as demonstration projects of innovative renewable energy technologies under the scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the Community established by Directive 2003/87/EC. Pursuant to Article 10a(8) of Directive 2003/87/EC² any proposal to amend the NER 300 Decision, such as the one referred to by the Honourable Member, is subject to the regulatory procedure with scrutiny³. The Commission has not submitted any such proposal to the Council in accordance with the relevant rules laid down in Council Decision 1999/468/EC.

¹ OJ L 290, 6.11.2010, p. 39.

² DIRECTIVE 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 October 2003 establishing a scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the Community (OJ L 275, 25.10.2003, p. 32)

³ The effects of Article 5a of Decision 1999/468/EC for the purposes of existing basic acts making reference thereto were maintained by Article 12 of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers (OJ L 55, 28.2.2011, p. 13).