Question for written answer E-000534/2023 to the Commission

Rule 138

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Subject: EU emissions allowances registry

The EU allowances (EUA) registry for emissions lacks basic transparency and verification features that have long been standard in banking and other related industries. These features would allow for the independent external validation of EUA accounts and improve the governance and security of the overall system.

## In this regard:

- 1. Can the Commission introduce an option for fully transparent EUA accounts, whereby all transactions and balances are immediately visible to the public in the EU Emissions Trading System transaction log?
- 2. Will it develop API access for given EUA accounts, providing account holders with (at least) readonly access to their transaction history and balance?
- 3. Is it planning to allow or require a verified signature or valid certificate to be added to the PDF transaction statements exported from the EUA registry, in order to enable the statements to be used for compliance-related purposes?

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