

Question for written answer E-002445/2023
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: ETS and FuelEU implementing acts for alternative fuels

The revised EU Emissions Trading System (ETS) Directive¹ adds maritime transport to the EU ETS. Following its adoption, the target sectors, particularly those newly added to the ETS framework, are awaiting the issuance of the various implementing acts. Any delay in publishing those implementing acts would heighten the ambiguity around the new rules and delay investments in new technologies.

1. What is the Commission's timeline for issuing the implementing acts that will guide the shipping industry on the use of alternative fuels, especially when it comes to the measures setting emission factors?
2. In this regard, how will it consider the non-CO₂ emissions of alternative fuels for shipping transport, as the EU ETS will have the particularity of also including methane and nitrous oxide emissions?
3. How will it ensure 'technological neutrality' in the scope of its implementing and delegated acts and avoid excluding viable solutions, such as renewable fuels of non-biological origin and recycled carbon fuels?

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¹ Directive (EU) 2023/959 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 May 2023 amending Directive 2003/87/EC establishing a system for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the Union and Decision (EU) 2015/1814 concerning the establishment and operation of a market stability reserve for the Union greenhouse gas emission trading system (OJ L 130, 16.5.2023, p. 134).