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Subject: Revision of the list of sectors eligible for aid for indirect emission costs under the EU

Emissions Trading System in Guideline (2020/C 317/04)

As part of the revision of the EU Emissions Trading System (ETS) Directive, adopted in 2023, the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union decided that the compensation scheme for increases in electricity prices resulting from the inclusion of the costs of greenhouse gas emissions, commonly referred to as 'indirect emission costs', should remain in place. In Guideline (2020/C 317/04), the Commission has already established which sectors are eligible for aid for indirect emission costs for the current fourth trading period. In the first half of 2022, the Commission considered increasing the number of sectors eligible for aid, but this was not implemented.

- 1. How does the Commission justify the decision it made in 2022 to ultimately not extend the list of sectors eligible for aid for indirect emission costs?
- 2. In light of the increased energy and electricity prices for the relevant sectors and the increased risk of carbon leakage, as well as the recent reform of the EU ETS, will the Commission increase the number of sectors eligible for aid in the near future?

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