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Delegations will find attached a declaration by the Commission on the above-mentioned subject.



Brussels, 17.7.2026

**Commission Declaration related to the Proposal for a Directive
of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2003/87/EC
and Decision (EU) 2015/1814 as regards driving competitiveness and cost-effective
decarbonisation**

COMMISSION DECLARATION

With the targeted standalone proposal, the Commission honours its political commitment for an accelerated decision to mitigate the impact in the period 2026-2030 of the update of the free allocation benchmark for installations falling under the fall-back heat and fuel benchmarks. These installations require clarity as soon as possible. The Commission invites the co-legislators to consider expanding the free allocation buffer and therefore the overall amount of free allowances available during the 2026-2030 period so as to increase the volume of free allowances for sectors falling under the fall-back benchmarks, particularly those facing challenges with the replicability of technologies for decarbonisation. The Commission stands ready to facilitate this as a matter of priority through the current proposals, or swiftly table new proposals as appropriate.