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**COMMISSION DELEGATED DECISION (EU) 2024/2986**

**of 24 September 2024**

**on the unilateral inclusion of sectors by Austria in the emissions trading system within the Union for buildings, road transport and additional sectors pursuant to Article 30j of Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 October 2003 establishing a system for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the Union and amending Council Directive 96/61/EC <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 30j thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 30j(1) of Directive 2003/87/EC provides Member States with the possibility, from 2027, to unilaterally extend the application of the emissions trading system within the Union ('EU ETS') for buildings, road transport and additional sectors, to sectors that are not listed in Annex III to Directive 2003/87/EC.
- (2) When availing themselves of this possibility, Member States are to take into account in particular the effects on the internal market, potential distortions of competition, the environmental integrity of the emissions trading system and the reliability of the planned monitoring and reporting system.
- (3) On 31 May 2024, Austria notified a request to expand the application of the emission trading system for buildings, road transport and additional sectors to a list of sectors not yet covered by Annex III to, or by Chapters II and III of, Directive 2003/87/EC.
- (4) The Austrian authorities explained that this unilateral extension would facilitate the transition of the national CO<sub>2</sub> pricing system to the new emission trading system for buildings, road transport and additional sectors. In addition, it will reduce the administrative costs and ease the reporting and monitoring processes for the regulated entities and the national competent authority.
- (5) In the Commission's opinion, expanding the scope of the EU ETS beyond the list of activities listed under Annex III to Directive 2003/87/EC, as Austria has requested, would indeed have environmental benefits, and would bring about an administrative simplification for fuel suppliers acting as regulated entities in Austria.
- (6) On the basis of the reviewed greenhouse gas emissions data for the years 2016, 2017 and 2018 carried out in 2020 in accordance with Article 4(3) of Regulation (EU) 2018/842 of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(2)</sup>, the average total amount of emissions corresponding to the sectors notified by Austria in the context of this request for unilateral extension amounts to 1 034 563 tCO<sub>2</sub>. This amount will be used as a basis for calculating the future amount of additional allowances to be issued as of 2027.
- (7) The Commission has assessed the reporting and monitoring methodologies planned by Austria and has concluded that these are reliable and in line with the requirements of Article 30j of Directive 2003/87/EC.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 275, 25.10.2003, p. 32, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2003/87/oj>.

<sup>(2)</sup> Regulation (EU) 2018/842 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2018 on binding annual greenhouse gas emission reductions by Member States from 2021 to 2030 contributing to climate action to meet commitments under the Paris Agreement and amending Regulation (EU) No 525/2013 (OJ L 156, 19.6.2018, p. 26, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/842/oj>).

- (8) The excise duty system in place in Austria, particularly the distribution infrastructures, does not effectively allow regulated entities to differentiate the end use of fuels between, on the one hand, sectors already covered by Annex III to Directive 2003/87/EC and, on the other hand, the sectors concerned by this extension of scope. To facilitate cost-effective monitoring, reporting and verification of emissions and reduce the administrative burden linked with reporting associated with the scope factor in the annual emissions reports and the monitoring plans, regulated entities should not be required to distinguish the reporting of emissions in sectors concerned by the extension of scope from emissions in sectors already covered by Annex III to Directive 2003/87/EC.
- (9) In order to comply with the regular annual cycle for monitoring, reporting and verification of emissions in the new emissions trading system for buildings, road transport and additional sectors, it is appropriate for regulated entities to report verified emissions for the extended scope starting on 1 January 2025, in accordance with Article 30f(2) of Directive 2003/87/EC,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

**Scope of the unilateral extension approval**

The extension, in Austria, of the activity referred to in Annex III to Directive 2003/87/EC to the sectors listed in the Annex to this Decision is approved subject to the conditions listed in Article 3.

*Article 2*

**Authorisation of the issue of additional allowances**

Additional allowances shall be issued in 2027 on the basis of the average amount of total emissions of 1 034 563 tCO<sub>2</sub> reported by Austria for the sectors listed in the Annex to this Decision for the years 2016, 2017 and 2018 in accordance with the rules set in Article 30c(1) of Directive 2003/87/EC.

*Article 3*

**Monitoring and reporting obligations**

Austria shall ensure that each regulated entity monitors and reports, in accordance with Article 30f(2) of Directive 2003/87/EC, to the competent authority, for each calendar year, the emissions corresponding to the quantities of fuels released for consumption in the sectors listed in the Annex to this Decision that have taken place from 1 January 2025.

*Article 4*

**Entry into force and application**

This Decision shall enter into force on the third day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 24 September 2024.

*For the Commission*  
*The President*  
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

## ANNEX

**List of additional sectors subject to the EU ETS in Austria pursuant to Article 30j of  
Directive 2003/87/EC**

| IPCC code               | Sector                                                  | Content                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 A 3 a                 | Civil Aviation                                          | Emissions from international and domestic civil aviation, including take-offs and landings                                                                                                                    |
| 1 A 3 c                 | Railways                                                | Emissions from railway transport for both freight and passenger traffic routes                                                                                                                                |
| 1 A 3 d<br>(subset)     | Water-borne Navigation                                  | Emissions from fuels used to propel water-borne vessels, including hovercraft and hydrofoils, but excluding commercial activities on the Danube River and on the international lakes (Constance and Neusiedl) |
| 1 A 4 c i               | Stationary combustion for agriculture/forestry/fishing  | Emissions from fuels combusted in pumps, grain drying, horticultural greenhouses and other agriculture, forestry or stationary combustion in the fishing industry                                             |
| 1 A 4 c ii              | Off-road vehicles and other machinery mobile combustion | Emissions from fuels combusted in traction vehicles on farmland and in forests, including use of agricultural vehicles on paved roads                                                                         |
| 1 A 4 c iii<br>(subset) | Fishing<br>(mobile combustion)                          | Emissions from fuels combusted for fishing                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 1 A 5 b<br>(subset)     | Mobile combustion – military                            | Emissions from vehicles, off-road machinery fuel combustion for military use and military aviation, except for fuel used in multilateral operations                                                           |