

COMMISSION DECISION (EU) 2023/1409**of 4 July 2023****instructing the Central Administrator of the Union Registry to return to the Member States and the United Kingdom the Union surplus at the end of the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Council Decision (EU) 2015/1339 of 13 July 2015 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the joint fulfilment of commitments thereunder ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 4 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Union concluded the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. The Doha Amendment established a second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol, starting on 1 January 2013 and ending on 31 December 2020.
- (2) In accordance with Article 4 of Decision (EU) 2015/1339, all assigned amount units issued for the second commitment period available in the Union registry after the Union has complied with its obligation laid down in Article 11(3) of Regulation (EU) No 525/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽²⁾ and after any transfer of assigned amount units pursuant to implementing acts adopted on the basis of Article 10(7) of Regulation (EU) No 525/2013 has been carried out ('Union surplus') shall be returned to the Member States at the end of the second commitment period.
- (3) After transferring the applicable share of proceeds to the Adaptation Fund, there is a net Union surplus in the Union Registry of 2 215 147 885 assigned amount units. These units should be returned to the Member States and the United Kingdom ⁽³⁾ in accordance with the rules set out in Article 4(2) of Decision (EU) 2015/1339.
- (4) The Commission should instruct the central administrator of the Union Registry to return the units to the Member States and the United Kingdom,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The Commission instructs the central administrator of the Union Registry to return to the accounts of Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom the assigned amount units set out in Annex.

Done at Brussels, 4 July 2023.

For the Commission
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Executive Vice-President

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 207, 4.8.2015, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ Regulation (EU) No 525/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 May 2013 on a mechanism for monitoring and reporting greenhouse gas emissions and for reporting other information at national and Union level relevant to climate change and repealing Decision No 280/2004/EC (OJ L 165, 18.6.2013, p. 13).

⁽³⁾ OJ C 384 I, 12.11.2019, p. 59.

ANNEX

Member State	Allocated Union surplus assigned amount units
Austria	13 779 438
Belgium	21 010 620
Bulgaria	129 595 427
Croatia	7 379 327
Cyprus	1 611 575
Czechia	136 916 575
Denmark	13 496 692
Estonia	52 162 070
Finland	8 895 367
France	102 390 482
Germany	200 540 800
Greece	16 329 385
Hungary	110 193 391
Ireland	11 665 373
Italy	81 862 104
Latvia	41 199 008
Lithuania	72 359 623
Luxembourg	2 472 803
Malta	315 853
Netherlands	31 245 242
Poland	306 866 601
Portugal	13 660 512
Romania	503 842 880
Slovakia	77 068 229
Slovenia	3 376 854
Spain	60 009 461
Sweden	13 580 833
United Kingdom	181 321 357