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Ulaştırma ve Altyapı Bakanlığı Denizcilik Genel Müdürlüğü tarafından Odamıza gönderilen 15.01.2014 tarih ve 1647944 sayılı, Ek'te sunulan yazıda, deniz taşımacılığının Avrupa Birliği (AB) Emisyon Ticaret Sistemi'ne dahil edilmesi ve uygulamalarına yönelik bilgiler yer almakta, bahse konu yazıda özetle aşağıdaki hususlara değinilmektedir.

Avrupa Birliği'nde denizcilik sektörünü düzenleyen Avrupa Birliği İzleme, Raporlama ve Doğrulama (EU MRV) Yönetmeliği 2015 yılında kabul edilmiş olup, 2018 yılında 5000 GT ve üstü gemilerin sera gazı emisyonlarını EU MRV kapsamında paylaşma zorunluluğu getirilmiştir. 2023 yılında yapılan düzenleme ile bu kapsam genişletilmiş, 5000 GT ve üstü açık deniz faaliyet gemileri ve 5000 GT'den küçük 400 GT'den büyük açık deniz faaliyet gemileri ile genel kargo gemileri de dahil edilmiş, 2024 yılı itibariyle metan ve azot oksit gazları da rapor edilmek zorunda kılınmıştır.

2021 yılında kabul edilen "55'e Uyum" (Fit for 55) stratejisi çerçevesinde, 2022 yılında denizcilik sektörü de AB Emisyon Ticaret Sistemi'ne (AB ETS) dahil edilmiştir. 2023 yılında alınan kararla bu düzenleme yürürlüğe girmiş ve 2024 yılı itibariyle 5000 GT ve üstü gemilerin, bayraklarına bakılmaksızın faaliyetleri sırasında ürettikleri emisyonlar AB ETS kapsamına alınmıştır. AB limanlarına gelen ve giden gemilerin karbon emisyonlarının bir kısmı AB ETS'ye tabi tutulmuş ve zamanla artan oranlarda bu kapsama alınması planlanmıştır.

Düzenleme ile AB üye devletlerinden bir limandan ayrılan ve başka bir AB limanına giden gemilerin tüm faaliyetlerinden kaynaklanan emisyonların %100'ü AB ETS'ye tabi olacaktır. Ayrıca, AB dışındaki limanlara sefer yapan gemilerin sefer süresince ürettiği emisyonların %50'si AB ETS fiyatlandırmasına tabi olacaktır. Bu seferlerden üretilen emisyonların geri kalan %50'si Avrupa Ekonomik Alanı dışında devletinin tasarrufuna bırakılacaktır. kalan liman Denizcilik firmaları, AB ETS kapsamına giren emisyonların ödenmesi için Avrupa Enerji Borsası'ndan (European Energy Exchange-EEX) veya ikincil piyasadan tahsisat alarak ödeme yapacaklardır. Bu ödemelerin her takvim yılının 30 Eylül tarihine kadar yapılması gerekmektedir. Elde edilen gelir, çeşitli kurumlar tarafından yönetilen bir fon aracılığıyla AB içindeki dekarbonizasyon projelerine aktarılacaktır.

Denizcilik şirketleri, AB ETS sistemine uyumu sağlama konusunda sorumludur. Ödeme yapılmadığı takdirde ton başına karbondioksit miktarı için 100 Euro ceza uygulanacak ve gerekli ödemelerin yapılmaması durumunda limana giriş yasağı getirilebilecektir.

Konteyner gemileri için "konteyner aktarması için komşu limanlar" konsepti, gemilerin aktarma limanlarına uğrayarak bir önceki uzun mesafeli seferlerini sonlandırıp Avrupa Ekonomik Alanı dışında bırakmasını önlemek amacıyla geliştirilmiştir. Bir limanın bu statüye sahip olabilmesi için belirli kriterlere uygun olması gerekmektedir.

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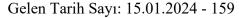
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# DAĞITIM YERLERİNE

Bilindiği üzere 29 Nisan 2015 tarihinde kabul edilen ve 1 Temmuz 2015 tarihinde yürürlüğe giren Avrupa Birliği İzleme, Raporlama ve Doğrulama (EU MRV) Denizcilik Düzenlemesi (Regulation (EU) 2015/757) ile birlikte 1 Ocak 2018 tarihinden itibaren 5000 GT ve üstü Avrupa Ekonomik Alanı (AEA) bölgesinde faaliyet gösteren gemiler bayrağına bakılmaksızın sera gazı emisyonlarını EU MRV veri tabanı ile paylaşması zorunluğu getirilmiştir.

10 Mayıs 2023 tarihinde kabul edilen Regulation (EU) 2023/957 ile Avrupa Birliği İzleme, Raporlama ve Doğrulama (EU MRV) Denizcilik Düzenlemesi Regulation (EU) 2015/757 içeriğinde değişiklikler yapılmıştır. Değişiklikler ile birlikte 5000 GT ve üstü açık deniz faaliyet gemileri ve 5000 GT'den küçük 400 GT'den büyük açık deniz faaliyet gemileri ile genel kargo gemileri düzenleme kapsamına alınmıştır. Ayrıca 1 Ocak 2024 tarihinden itibaren şirketler karbon dioksit emisyonlarına ilave olarak metan ve azot oksit gazlarını da rapor etmeleri gerekmektedir.

Avrupa Birliğinin 2021 yılında kabul ettiği ve AB sera gazı emisyonlarını 2030 yılına kadar 1990 yılı seviyesine göre %55 düşürülmesini hedefleyen 55'e Uyum (Fit for 55) stratejisi kabul edilmiş ve bu kapsamda 2022 yılında denizcilik sektörü emisyonlarının Avrupa Birliği Emisyon Ticaret Sistemi (AB ETS/EU ETS)'ne dahil edilmesi kararlaştırılmıştır. İlgili mevzuat (Directive (EU) 2023/959) 25 Nisan 2023 tarihinde Avrupa Birliği Komisyonu tarafından kabul edilmiş ve 5 Haziran 2023 tarihinde yürürlüğe girmiştir. AB ETS kapsamına giren gemiler emisyon verilerini THETIS-MRV platformuna girmeye devam edeceklerdir.

Söz konusu düzenleme ile birlikte 1 Ocak 2024 tarihinden itibaren Avrupa Ekonomik Alanında faaliyet gösteren 5000 GT ve üstü gemilerin bayraklarına bakılmaksızın faaliyetleri esnasında ürettikleri emisyonlar AB ETS kapsamına girmiştir. AB limanlarına gelen ve giden gemilerin 2024 yılı boyunca ürettiği doğrulanmış karbondioksit emisyonunun 2025 yılında %40'ı, 2025 yılı ürettiği emisyonların 2026 yılında %70'i ETS kapsamına alınacaktır. 2027 yılından itibaren bir önceki yıl ürettikleri emisyonların %100'ü ETS fiyatlandırmasına tabi olacaktır. Sera gazı emisyonların kapsamı 2026 yılında genişletilerek metan ve azot oksit emisyonları da AB ETS'ye dahil edilecektir. Ek olarak 2027 yılından itibaren 5000 GT ve üstü açık deniz faaliyet gemileri AB ETS'ye tabi olacaklardır.

Düzenlemeye göre, bir AB Üye Devletinin yetki alanındaki bir limandan ayrılan ve bir AB Üye Devletinin yetki alanı altındaki bir limana (örneğin, Hamburg'dan Marsilya'ya ve Marsilya'dan Hamburg'a) sefer yapan ve bir AB Üye Devletinin yetkisi altındaki bir limanda (örneğin Antwerp limanında) bulunan gemilerin yanaşma ve diğer tüm faaliyetlerinden kaynaklı emisyonların %100'ü AB ETS'ye tabi olacaktır.

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Bir AB Üye Devletinin yetkisi altındaki bir limandan ayrılan ve Avrupa Ekonomik Alanı dışında kalan bir devletin yetki alanındaki bir limana (örneğin Rotterdam'dan Şangay'a) sefer yapan gemilerden kaynaklanan emisyonların ve bir Avrupa Ekonomik Alanını dışında kalan bir devletin yetki alanındaki limandan ayrılan ve bir AB Üye Devletinin yetki alanı altındaki bir limana (örneğin Şangay'dan Rotterdam'a) sefer yapan gemilerden, sefer süresince ürettiği emisyonların %50'si AB ETS fiyatlandırmasına tabi olacaktır. Bu seferlerden üretilen emisyonların geri kalan %50'si Avrupa Ekonomik Alanı dışında kalan liman devletinin tasarrufuna bırakılacaktır.

AB seferin tanımın, yük gemileri için bir limana yük ikmal ve tahliyesini, yolcu gemileri için yolcu alınıp bırakılması ve açık deniz faaliyet gemileri için personel değişimi olarak belirlemiştir. Yakıt ikmali, kumanya ve teçhizat ikmali, yük gemileri için personel değişimi, bakım onarım işlemleri, liman dışındaki ship-to-ship operasyonları, arama kurtarma veya havadan kaçma gibi acil durumları sefer tanımı kapsamı dışında bırakılmıştır. Düzenlemede geminin limanda bulunduğu süre içindeki emisyonları ise yine sefer tanımı içine dahil edilmiştir.

Denizcilik şirketleri AB ETS kapsamına giren emisyonların bedelinin ödenmesi sürecinde birincil sorumlu durumundadırlar. AB Üye devletlerine kayıtlı olmayan denizcilik şirketleri AB ETS kapsamına giren emisyonlarını bir AB üye devleti üzerinden Birlik Sicili (Union Registry) platformunda bir Denizcilik Şirketi Hesabı (Maritime Operator Holding Account) açarak ödeme yapmaları gerekmektedir. Bahsi geçen hesabın açılacağı yer için denizcilik şirketinin son dört yılda en çok sefer yaptığı AB üye devleti seçilerek üye devlet üzerinden hesap açılacaktır. Şayet denizcilik şirketinin gemileri Avrupa Ekonomik Alanı ülkelerine hiç sefer yapmadıysa, ilk sefer yapılan AB üye devleti bu şirketler AB ETS için idare olarak kabul edilerek söz konusu hesap bu üye devlet üzerinden açılacaktır. 1 Şubat 2024 tarihinden önce ve bundan sonra her iki yılda bir AB Komisyonu şirketlerin hangi AB üye devleti idaresinde olduğunu gösteren bir liste yayınlayacaktır. Eğer denizcilik şirketi bu iki yıllık liste açıklanma aralığında kurulursa, şirket THETIS-MRV sistemi ile iş birliği yaparak kendi idaresini belirleyebilecektir.

Bahsi geçen AB ETS kapsamına giren emisyonların ödenebilmesi için şirketler Avrupa Enerji Borsası (European Energy Exchange (EEX))'ndan veya ikincil marketler satın alınan tahsisat (allowance)'lar ile ödeyebileceklerdir. Denizcilik şirketleri hali hazırda ikincil marketlerden tahsisat alışı ve satışı yapabilmektedirler. Düzenleme, şirketlerin AB ETS sistemi dışında sahip oldukları karbon kredi ve sertifikalarını bu süreçte kullanmasına izin vermemektedir. Şirketler ödeme işlemlerini 30 Eylül tarihine kadar yapmak zorundadırlar. AB ETS deniz ticaretinden elde edeceği hasılatı AB Komisyonu, Avrupa Yatırım Bankası (EIB), Avrupa İklim, Altyapı ve Çevre Yönetimi Ajansı (CINEA) ve AB üye devletleri tarafından yönetilen İnovasyon Fonu (Innovation Fund)'a aktaracaktır. Bu fonla AB içinde geliştirilen karbonsuzlaştırma projelerine finansman sağlanacaktır. Projeler emisyon azaltım kapasitesi, inovasyon derecesi, proje olgunluğu ve maliyet-etkinlik kriterlerine göre değerlendirilecek koşullar sağlandığında projenin tamamı bu fon ile finanse edilecektir.

Denizcilik şirketlerinin AB ETS sistemine uyumunun denetimi hesap açılan ve idaresi olarak belirlenen AB üye devleti sorumluluğundadır. Eğer bir şirket doğrulanmış emisyon değerine karşılık gelen ödemeyi yapmaz ise bedelini ödemediği ton başına karbondioksit miktarı için 100 Avro ceza ödeyecek ve ödenmeyen emisyonların bedeli ayrıca ödenecektir. Denizcilik şirketleri iki veya daha fazla yıl cezaya tabi olması durumunda düzenlemeye uyum sağlayana kadar AB üye devletleri tarafından limana giriş yasağı uygulaması ile karşılaşacaktır.

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Öte yandan, konteyner gemileri için "konteyner aktarması için komşu limanlar" konsepti geliştirilmiş ve gemilerin bu aktarma limanlarına uğrayarak bir önceki uzun mesafeli seferlerini sonlandırıp Avrupa Ekonomik Alanı dışında bırakmasının önüne geçilmiştir. Bir limanın "konteyner aktarması için komşu limanlar" statüsüne sahip olması için limanın son 12 aydaki konteyner elleçleme miktarının %65 inin aktarma konteynerlerden oluşması ve AB üye devleti yetkisi altındaki bir limanına 300 deniz milinden daha yakın olması şartı getirilmiştir.

Bu itibarla, AB ETS resmi kaynaklarına aşağıda yer alan bağlantılardan ulaşılabilmekte olup denizcilik söktörümüzün konu hakkında bilgilendirilmesi hususunda bilgilerinizi rica ederim.

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Denizcilik Genel Müdürü

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- 1 AB ETS Denizcilik Bütünleşik Direktifi (126 Sayfa)
- 2 AB İzleme, Doğrulama, Raporlama Bütünleşik Düzenlemesi (31 Sayfa)
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# ▶<u>B</u> DIRECTIVE 2003/87/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 13 October 2003

establishing a  $\blacktriangleright \underline{M9}$  system  $\blacktriangleleft$  for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the  $\blacktriangleright \underline{M9}$  Union  $\blacktriangleleft$  and amending Council Directive 96/61/EC

(Text with EEA relevance)

(OJ L 275, 25.10.2003, p. 32)

# Amended by:

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<u>M1</u>	Directive 2004/101/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 October 2004	L 338	18	13.11.2004
<u>M2</u>	Directive 2008/101/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008	L 8	3	13.1.2009
<u>M3</u>	Regulation (EC) No 219/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009	L 87	109	31.3.2009
► <u>M4</u>	Directive 2009/29/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009	L 140	63	5.6.2009
<u>M5</u>	Decision No 1359/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013	L 343	1	19.12.2013
<u>M6</u>	Regulation (EU) No 421/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014	L 129	1	30.4.2014
<u>M7</u>	Decision (EU) 2015/1814 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 October 2015	L 264	1	9.10.2015
<u>M8</u>	Regulation (EU) 2017/2392 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2017	L 350	7	29.12.2017
<u>M9</u>	Directive (EU) 2018/410 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 March 2018	L 76	3	19.3.2018
► <u>M10</u>	Commission Delegated Decision (EU) 2020/1071 of 18 May 2020	L 234	16	21.7.2020
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► <u>M12</u>	Decision (EU) 2023/136 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 January 2023	L 19	1	20.1.2023
► <u>M13</u>	Regulation (EU) 2023/435 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 February 2023	L 63	1	28.2.2023
► <u>M14</u>	Directive (EU) 2023/958 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 May 2023	L 130	115	16.5.2023

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► <u>A1</u> Treaty of Accession of Croatia (2012)

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CHAPTER I

#### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

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#### Article 1

## Subject matter

This Directive establishes a  $\blacktriangleright \underline{M9}$  system  $\blacktriangleleft$  for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the  $\blacktriangleright \underline{M9}$  Union  $\blacktriangleleft$  (hereinafter referred to as the ' $\blacktriangleright \underline{M9}$  EU ETS  $\blacktriangleleft$ ') in order to promote reductions of greenhouse gas emissions in a cost-effective and economically efficient manner.

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This Directive also provides for the reductions of greenhouse gas emissions to be increased so as to contribute to the levels of reductions that are considered scientifically necessary to avoid dangerous climate change. It contributes to the achievement of the Union's climateneutrality objective and its climate targets as laid down in Regulation (EU) 2021/1119 of the European Parliament and of the Council (¹) and thereby to the objectives of the Paris Agreement (²).

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This Directive also lays down provisions for assessing and implementing a stricter  $\blacktriangleright \underline{M9}$  Union  $\blacktriangleleft$  reduction commitment exceeding 20 %, to be applied upon the approval by the  $\blacktriangleright \underline{M9}$  Union  $\blacktriangleleft$  of an international agreement on climate change leading to greenhouse gas emission reductions exceeding those required in Article 9, as reflected in the 30 % commitment endorsed by the European Council of March 2007.

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#### Article 2

## Scope

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1. This Directive shall apply to the activities listed in Annexes I and III, and to the greenhouse gases listed in Annex II. Where an installation that is included within the scope of the EU ETS due to the operation of

<sup>(</sup>¹) Regulation (EU) 2021/1119 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 June 2021 establishing the framework for achieving climate neutrality and amending Regulations (EC) No 401/2009 and (EU) 2018/1999 ('European Climate Law') (OJ L 243, 9.7.2021, p. 1).

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 282, 19.10.2016, p. 4.

combustion units with a total rated thermal input exceeding 20 MW changes its production processes to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions and no longer meets that threshold, the Member State in which that installation is situated shall provide the operator with the options of remaining within the scope of the EU ETS until the end of the current and next five-year period referred to in Article 11(1), second subparagraph, following the change to its production processes. The operator of that installation may decide that the installation is to remain within the scope of the EU ETS until the end of the current five-year period only or also of the next five-year period, following the change to its production processes. The Member State concerned shall notify the Commission of changes compared to the list submitted to the Commission pursuant to Article 11(1).

2. This Directive shall apply without prejudice to any requirements pursuant to Directive 2010/75/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council (1).

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3. The application of this Directive to the airport of Gibraltar is understood to be without prejudice to the respective legal positions of the Kingdom of Spain and the United Kingdom with regard to the dispute over sovereignty over the territory in which the airport is situated.

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# Article 3

# **Definitions**

For the purposes of this Directive the following definitions shall apply:

(a) 'allowance' means an allowance to emit one tonne of carbon dioxide equivalent during a specified period, which shall be valid only for the purposes of meeting the requirements of this Directive and shall be transferable in accordance with the provisions of this Directive;

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(b) 'emissions' means the release of greenhouse gases from sources in an installation or the release from an aircraft performing an aviation activity listed in Annex I or from ships performing a maritime transport activity listed in Annex I of the gases specified in respect of that activity, or the release of greenhouse gases corresponding to the activity referred to in Annex III;

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(c) 'greenhouse gases' means the gases listed in Annex II and other gaseous constituents of the atmosphere, both natural and anthropogenic, that absorb and re-emit infrared radiation;

<sup>(</sup>¹) Directive 2010/75/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010 on industrial emissions (integrated pollution prevention and control) (OJ L 334, 17.12.2010, p. 17).

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(d) 'greenhouse gas emissions permit' means the permit issued in accordance with Articles 5, 6 and 30b;

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- (e) 'installation' means a stationary technical unit where one or more activities listed in Annex I are carried out and any other directly associated activities which have a technical connection with the activities carried out on that site and which could have an effect on emissions and pollution;
- (f) 'operator' means any person who operates or controls an installation or, where this is provided for in national legislation, to whom decisive economic power over the technical functioning of the installation has been delegated;
- (g) 'person' means any natural or legal person;

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(h) 'new entrant' means any installation carrying out one or more of the activities listed in Annex I, which has obtained a greenhouse gas emissions permit for the first time within the period starting from three months before the date for submission of the list under Article 11(1), and ending three months before the date for the submission of the subsequent list under that Article;

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- (i) 'the public' means one or more persons and, in accordance with national legislation or practice, associations, organisations or groups of persons;
- (j) 'tonne of carbon dioxide equivalent' means one metric tonne of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) or an amount of any other greenhouse gas listed in Annex II with an equivalent global-warming potential;

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- (k) 'Annex I Party' means a Party listed in Annex I to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) that has ratified the Kyoto Protocol as specified in Article 1(7) of the Kyoto Protocol;
- 'project activity' means a project activity approved by one or more Annex I Parties in accordance with Article 6 or Article 12 of the Kyoto Protocol and the decisions adopted pursuant to the UNFCCC or the Kyoto Protocol;
- (m) 'emission reduction unit' or 'ERU' means a unit issued pursuant to Article 6 of the Kyoto Protocol and the decisions adopted pursuant to the UNFCCC or the Kyoto Protocol;
- (n) 'certified emission reduction' or 'CER' means a unit issued pursuant to Article 12 of the Kyoto Protocol and the decisions adopted pursuant to the UNFCCC or the Kyoto Protocol;

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- (o) 'aircraft operator' means the person who operates an aircraft at the time it performs an aviation activity listed in Annex I or, where that person is not known or is not identified by the owner of the aircraft, the owner of the aircraft;
- (p) 'commercial air transport operator' means an operator that, for remuneration, provides scheduled or non-scheduled air transport services to the public for the carriage of passengers, freight or mail;
- (r) 'attributed aviation emissions' means emissions from all flights falling within the aviation activities listed in Annex I which depart from an aerodrome situated in the territory of a Member State and those which arrive in such an aerodrome from a third country;
- (s) 'historical aviation emissions' means the mean average of the annual emissions in the calendar years 2004, 2005 and 2006 from aircraft performing an aviation activity listed in Annex I;

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(t) 'combustion' means any oxidation of fuels, regardless of the way in which the heat, electrical or mechanical energy produced by this process is used, and any other directly associated activities, including waste gas scrubbing;

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(v) 'non-CO<sub>2</sub> aviation effects' means the effects on the climate of the release, during fuel combustion, of oxides of nitrogen (NOx), soot particles, oxidised sulphur species, and effects from water vapour, including contrails, from an aircraft performing an aviation activity listed in Annex I;

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(w) 'shipping company' means the shipowner or any other organisation or person, such as the manager or the bareboat charterer, that has assumed the responsibility for the operation of the ship from the shipowner and that, on assuming such responsibility, has agreed to take over all the duties and responsibilities imposed by the International Management Code for the Safe Operation of Ships and for Pollution Prevention, set out in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 336/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council (¹);

<sup>(</sup>¹) Regulation (EC) No 336/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 February 2006 on the implementation of the International Safety Management Code within the Community and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 3051/95 (OJ L 64, 4.3.2006, p. 1).

- (x) 'voyage' means a voyage as defined in Article 3, point (c), of Regulation (EU) 2015/757 of the European Parliament and of the Council (¹);
- (y) 'administering authority in respect of a shipping company' means the authority responsible for administering the EU ETS in respect of a shipping company in accordance with Article 3gf;
- (z) 'port of call' means the port where a ship stops to load or unload cargo or to embark or disembark passengers, or the port where an offshore ship stops to relieve the crew; stops for the sole purposes of refuelling, obtaining supplies, relieving the crew of a ship other than an offshore ship, going into dry-dock or making repairs to the ship, its equipment, or both, stops in port because the ship is in need of assistance or in distress, ship-to-ship transfers carried out outside ports, stops for the sole purpose of taking shelter from adverse weather or rendered necessary by search and rescue activities, and stops of containerships in a neighbouring container transhipment port listed in the implementing act adopted pursuant to Article 3ga(2) are excluded;
- (aa) 'cruise passenger ship' means a passenger ship that has no cargo deck and is designed exclusively for commercial transportation of passengers in overnight accommodation on a sea voyage;
- (ab) 'contract for difference' or 'CD' means a contract between the Commission and the producer, selected through a competitive bidding mechanism such as an auction, of a low- or zero-carbon product, and under which the producer is provided with support from the Innovation Fund covering the difference between the winning price, also known as the strike price, on the one hand, and a reference price derived from the price of the low- or zerocarbon product produced, the market price of a close substitute, or a combination of those two prices, on the other hand;
- (ac) 'carbon contract for difference' or 'CCD' means a contract between the Commission and the producer, selected through a competitive bidding mechanism such as an auction, of a low- or zero-carbon product, and under which the producer is provided with support from the Innovation Fund covering the difference between the winning price, also known as the strike price, on the one hand, and a reference price derived from the average price of allowances, on the other hand;

<sup>(</sup>¹) Regulation (EU) 2015/757 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2015 on the monitoring, reporting and verification of carbon dioxide emissions from maritime transport, and amending Directive 2009/16/EC (OJ L 123, 19.5.2015, p. 55).

- (ad) 'fixed premium contract' means a contract between the Commission and the producer, selected through a competitive bidding mechanism such as an auction, of a low- or zero-carbon product, and under which the producer is provided with support in the form of a fixed amount per unit of the product produced;
- (ae) 'regulated entity' for the purposes of Chapter IVa means any natural or legal person, except for any final consumer of the fuels, that engages in the activity referred to in Annex III and that falls within one of the following categories:
  - (i) where the fuel passes through a tax warehouse as defined in Article 3, point (11), of Council Directive (EU) 2020/262 (¹), the authorised warehousekeeper as defined in Article 3, point (1), of that Directive, liable to pay the excise duty which has become chargeable pursuant to Article 7 of that Directive;
  - (ii) if point (i) of this point is not applicable, any other person liable to pay the excise duty which has become chargeable pursuant to Article 7 of Directive (EU) 2020/262 or Article 21(5), first subparagraph, of Council Directive 2003/96/EC (²) in respect of the fuels covered by Chapter IVa of this Directive;
  - (iii) if points (i) and (ii) of this point are not applicable, any other person that has to be registered by the relevant competent authorities of the Member State for the purpose of being liable to pay the excise duty, including any person exempt from paying the excise duty, as referred to in Article 21(5), fourth subparagraph, of Directive 2003/96/EC;
  - (iv) if points (i), (ii) and (iii) are not applicable, or if several persons are jointly and severally liable for payment of the same excise duty, any other person designated by a Member State:
- (af) 'fuel' for the purposes of Chapter IVa of this Directive means any energy product referred to in Article 2(1) of Directive 2003/96/EC, including the fuels listed in Table A and Table C of Annex I to that Directive, as well as any other product intended for use, offered for sale or used as motor fuel or heating fuel as specified in Article 2(3) of that Directive, including for the production of electricity;

(1) Council Directive (EU) 2020/262 of 19 December 2019 laying down the

general arrangements for excise duty (OJ L 58, 27.2.2020, p. 4).

(2) Council Directive 2003/96/EC of 27 October 2003 restructuring the Community framework for the taxation of energy products and electricity (OJ L 283, 31.10.2003, p. 51).

- (ag) 'release for consumption' for the purposes of Chapter IVa of this Directive means release for consumption as defined in Article 6(3) of Directive (EU) 2020/262;
- (ah) 'TTF gas price' for the purposes of Chapter IVa means the price of the gas futures month-ahead contract traded at the Title Transfer Facility (TTF) Virtual Trading Point, operated by Gasunie Transport Services B.V.;
- (ai) 'Brent crude oil price' for the purposes of Chapter IVa means the futures month-ahead price for crude oil, used as a benchmark price for the purchase of oil.

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#### CHAPTER II

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#### AVIATION AND MARITIME TRANSPORT

## Article 3a

#### Scope

Articles 3b to 3g shall apply to the allocation and issue of allowances in respect of the aviation activities listed in Annex I. Articles 3ga to 3gg shall apply in respect of the maritime transport activities listed in Annex I.

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# Article 3b

# **Aviation activities**

By 2 August 2009, the Commission shall, in accordance with the ightharpoonup M9 examination procedure referred to in Article 22a(2) ightharpoonup, develop guidelines on the detailed interpretation of the aviation activities listed in Annex I.

#### Article 3c

# Total quantity of allowances for aviation

1. For the period from 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012, the total quantity of allowances to be allocated to aircraft operators shall be equivalent to 97 % of the historical aviation emissions.

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3. The Commission shall review the total quantity of allowances to be allocated to aircraft operators in accordance with Article 30(4).

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3a. Any allocation of allowances for aviation activities to and from aerodromes located in countries outside the European Economic Area ('EEA') after 31 December 2023 shall be subject to the review referred to in Article 28b.

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4. By 2 August 2009, the Commission shall decide on the historical aviation emissions, based on best available data, including estimates based on actual traffic information. That decision shall be considered within the Committee referred to in Article 23(1).

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- 5. The Commission shall determine the total quantity of allowances to be allocated in respect of aircraft operators for the year 2024 on the basis of the total allocation of allowances in respect of aircraft operators that were performing aviation activities listed in Annex I in the year 2023, reduced by the linear reduction factor as referred to in Article 9, and shall publish that quantity, as well as the amount of free allocation which would have taken place in 2024 under the rules for free allocation in force prior to the amendments introduced by Directive (EU) 2023/958 of the European Parliament and of the Council (¹).
- For the period from 1 January 2024 until 31 December 2030, a maximum of 20 million of the total quantity of allowances referred to in paragraph 5 shall be reserved in respect of commercial aircraft operators, on a transparent, equal-treatment and non-discriminatory basis, for the use of sustainable aviation fuels, and other aviation fuels that are not derived from fossil fuels, identified in a regulation on ensuring a level playing field for sustainable air transport as counting towards reaching the minimum share of sustainable aviation fuels that aviation fuel made available to aircraft operators at Union airports by aviation fuel suppliers is required to contain under that Regulation, for subsonic flights for which allowances have to be surrendered in accordance with Article 12(3) of this Directive. Where eligible aviation fuel cannot be physically attributed in an airport to a specific flight, the allowances reserved under this subparagraph shall be available for eligible aviation fuels uplifted at that airport proportionate to the emissions from flights, of the aircraft operator from that airport, for which allowances have to be surrendered in accordance with Article 12(3) of this Directive.

The allowances reserved under the first subparagraph of this paragraph shall be allocated by the Member States to cover part of or all of the price differential between the use of fossil kerosene and the use of the

<sup>(</sup>¹) Directive (EU) 2023/958 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 May 2023 amending Directive 2003/87/EC as regards aviation's contribution to the Union's economy-wide emission reduction target and the appropriate implementation of a global market-based measure (OJ L 130, 16.5.2023, p. 115).

relevant eligible aviation fuels, taking into account incentives from the price of carbon and from harmonised minimum levels of taxation on fossil fuels. When calculating that price differential, the Commission shall take into account the technical report published by the European Union Aviation Safety Agency under a regulation on ensuring a level playing field for sustainable air transport. Member States shall ensure the visibility of funding under this paragraph in a manner corresponding to the requirements in Article 30m(1), points (a) and (b), of this Directive.

The allowances allocated under this paragraph shall cover:

- (a) 70 % of the remaining price differential between the use of fossil kerosene and hydrogen from renewable energy sources, and advanced biofuels as defined in Article 2, second paragraph, point (34), of Directive (EU) 2018/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council (¹), for which the emission factor is zero under Annex IV or under the implementing act adopted pursuant to Article 14 of this Directive;
- (b) 95% of the remaining price differential between the use of fossil kerosene and renewable fuels of non-biological origin compliant with Article 25 of Directive (EU) 2018/2001, used in aviation, for which the emission factor is zero under Annex IV or under the implementing act adopted pursuant to Article 14 of this Directive;
- (c) 100 % of the remaining price differential between the use of fossil kerosene and any eligible aviation fuel that is not derived from fossil fuels covered by the first subparagraph of this paragraph, at airports situated on islands smaller than 10 000 km² and with no road or rail link with the mainland, at airports which are insufficiently large to be defined as Union airports in accordance with a regulation on ensuring a level playing field for sustainable air transport and at airports located in an outermost region;
- (d) in cases other than those referred to in points (a), (b) and (c), 50 % of the remaining price differential between the use of fossil kerosene and any eligible aviation fuel that is not derived from fossil fuels covered by the first subparagraph of this paragraph.

The allocation of allowances under this paragraph may take into account possible support from other schemes at national level.

<sup>(1)</sup> Directive (EU) 2018/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources (OJ L 328, 21.12.2018, p. 82).

On a yearly basis, commercial aircraft operators may apply for an allocation of allowances based on the quantity of each eligible aviation fuel referred to in this paragraph used on flights for which allowances have to be surrendered in accordance with Article 12(3) between 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2030, excluding flights for which that requirement is considered to be satisfied pursuant to Article 28a(1). If, for a given year, the demand for allowances for the use of such fuels is higher than the availability of allowances, the quantity of allowances shall be reduced in a uniform manner for all aircraft operators concerned by the allocation for that year.

The Commission shall publish in the *Official Journal of the European Union* details of the average cost difference between fossil kerosene, taking into account incentives from the price of carbon and from harmonised minimum levels of taxation on fossil fuels, and the relevant eligible aviation fuels, on a yearly basis for the previous year.

The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 23 to supplement this Directive by establishing the detailed rules for the yearly calculation of the cost difference referred to in the sixth subparagraph of this paragraph, for the allocation of allowances for the use of the fuels identified in the first subparagraph of this paragraph and for the calculation of the greenhouse gas emissions saved as a result of the use of fuels as reported under the implementing act adopted pursuant to Article 14(1), and establishing the arrangements for taking into account incentives from the price of carbon and from harmonised minimum levels of taxation on fossil fuels.

By 1 January 2028, the Commission shall carry out an evaluation regarding the application of this paragraph and submit the results of that evaluation in a report to the European Parliament and to the Council in a timely manner. The report may, where appropriate, be accompanied by a legislative proposal to allocate a capped and timelimited amount of allowances until 31 December 2034 to further incentivise the use of the fuels identified in the first subparagraph of this paragraph, in particular the use of renewable fuels of non-biological origin compliant with Article 25 of Directive (EU) 2018/2001, used in aviation, for which the emission factor is zero under Annex IV or under the implementing act adopted pursuant to Article 14 of this Directive.

From 1 January 2028, the Commission shall evaluate the application of this paragraph in the annual report it is required to submit pursuant to Article 10(5).

7. In respect of flights departing from an aerodrome located in the EEA which arrive at an aerodrome located in the EEA, in Switzerland or in the United Kingdom, and which were not covered by the EU ETS in 2023, the total quantity of allowances to be allocated to aircraft operators shall be increased by the levels of allocations, including free allocation and auctioning, which would have been made if they were covered by the EU ETS in that year, reduced by the linear reduction factor as referred to in Article 9.

8. By way of derogation from Article 12(3), Article 14(3) and Article 16, Member States shall consider the requirements set out in those provisions to be satisfied and shall take no action against aircraft operators in respect of emissions released until 31 December 2030 from flights between an aerodrome located in an outermost region of a Member State and an aerodrome located in the same Member State, including another aerodrome located in the same outermost region or in another outermost region of the same Member State.

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#### Article 3d

## Method of allocation of allowances for aviation through auctioning

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1. In the years 2024 and 2025, 15 % of the allowances referred to in Article 3c(5) and (7), as well as 25 % in 2024 and 50 % in 2025, respectively, of the remaining 85 % of those allowances, in respect of which free allocation would have taken place, shall be auctioned, except for the quantities of allowances referred to in Article 3c(6) and Article 10a(8), fourth subparagraph. The remainder of the allowances for those years shall be allocated for free.

From 1 January 2026, the entire quantity of allowances in respect of which free allocation would have taken place in that year shall be auctioned, except for the quantity of allowances referred to in Article 3c(6) and Article 10a(8), fourth subparagraph.

1a. Allowances which are allocated for free shall be allocated to aircraft operators proportionately to their share of verified emissions from aviation activities reported for 2023. That calculation shall also take into account verified emissions from aviation activities reported in respect of flights that are only covered by the EU ETS from 1 January 2024. By 30 June of the relevant year, the competent authorities shall issue the allowances which are allocated for free for that year.

3. The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 23 to supplement this Directive concerning the detailed arrangements for the auctioning by Member States of aviation allowances in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 1a of this Article, including the detailed arrangements for the auctioning which are necessary for the transfer of a share of revenue from such auctioning to the general budget of the Union as own resources in accordance with Article 311, third paragraph, of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU). The quantity of allowances to be auctioned in each period by each Member State shall be proportionate to its share of

the total attributed aviation emissions for all Member States for the reference year reported pursuant to Article 14(3) and verified pursuant to Article 15. For each period referred to in Article 13, the reference year shall be the calendar year ending 24 months before the start of the period to which the auction relates. The delegated acts shall ensure that the principles set out in the first subparagraph of Article 10(4) are respected.

4. Member States shall determine the use of revenues generated from the auctioning of allowances covered by this Chapter, except for the revenues established as own resources in accordance with Article 311, third paragraph, TFEU and entered in the general budget of the Union. Member States shall use the revenues generated from the auctioning of allowances or the equivalent in financial value of those revenues in accordance with Article 10(3) of this Directive.

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5. Information provided to the Commission pursuant to this Directive does not free Member States from the notification obligation laid down in Article 88(3) of the Treaty.

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#### Article 3g

# Monitoring and reporting plans

The administering Member State shall ensure that each aircraft operator submits to the competent authority in that Member State a monitoring plan setting out measures to monitor and report emissions and that such plans are approved by the competent authority in accordance with the implementing acts referred to in Article 14.

## Article 3ga

#### Scope of application to maritime transport activities

1. The allocation of allowances and the application of surrender requirements in respect of maritime transport activities shall apply in respect of fifty percent (50 %) of the emissions from ships performing voyages departing from a port of call under the jurisdiction of a Member State and arriving at a port of call outside the jurisdiction of a Member State, fifty percent (50 %) of the emissions from ships performing voyages departing from a port of call outside the jurisdiction of a Member State and arriving at a port of call under the jurisdiction of a Member State, one hundred percent (100 %) of emissions from ships performing voyages departing from a port of call under the jurisdiction of a Member State and arriving at a port of call under the jurisdiction of a Member State, and one hundred percent (100 %) of emissions from ships within a port of call under the jurisdiction of a Member State.

2. The Commission shall, by 31 December 2023, by means of implementing acts establish a list of neighbouring container transhipment ports and update that list by 31 December every two years thereafter.

Those implementing acts shall list a port as a neighbouring container transhipment port where the share of transhipment of containers, measured in twenty-foot equivalent units, exceeds 65 % of the total container traffic of that port during the most recent twelve-month period for which relevant data are available and where that port is located outside the Union but less than 300 nautical miles from a port under the jurisdiction of a Member State. For the purposes of this paragraph, containers shall be considered to be transhipped when they are unloaded from a ship to the port for the sole purpose of being loaded onto another ship. The list established by the Commission pursuant to the first subparagraph shall not include ports located in a third country for which that third country effectively applies measures equivalent to this Directive.

Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 22a(2).

3. Articles 9, 9a and 10 shall apply to maritime transport activities in the same manner as they apply to other activities covered by the EU ETS with the following exception with regard to the application of Article 10.

Until 31 December 2030, a share of allowances shall be attributed to Member States with a ratio of shipping companies that would have been under their responsibility pursuant to Article 3gf compared to their respective population in 2020 and based on data available for the period from 2018 to 2020, above 15 shipping companies per million inhabitants. The quantity of allowances shall correspond to 3,5 % of the additional quantity of allowances due to the increase in the cap for maritime transport referred to in Article 9, third paragraph, in the relevant year. For the years 2024 and 2025, the quantity of allowances shall in addition be multiplied by the percentages applicable to the relevant year pursuant to Article 3gb, first paragraph, points (a) and (b). The revenue generated from the auctioning of that share of allowances should be used for the purposes referred to in Article 10(3), first subparagraph, point (g), with regard to the maritime sector, and points (f) and (i). 50 % of the quantity of allowances shall be distributed among the relevant Member States based on the share of shipping companies under their responsibility and the remainder distributed in equal shares between them.

# Article 3gb

#### Phase-in of requirements for maritime transport

Shipping companies shall be liable to surrender allowances according to the following schedule:

- (a) 40 % of verified emissions reported for 2024 that would be subject to surrender requirements in accordance with Article 12;
- (b) 70 % of verified emissions reported for 2025 that would be subject to surrender requirements in accordance with Article 12;
- (c) 100 % of verified emissions reported for 2026 and each year thereafter in accordance with Article 12.

Where fewer allowances are surrendered compared to the verified emissions from maritime transport for the years 2024 and 2025, once the difference between verified emissions and allowances surrendered has been established in respect of each year, an amount of allowances corresponding to that difference shall be cancelled rather than auctioned pursuant to Article 10.

# Article 3gc

# Provisions for transfer of the costs of the EU ETS from the shipping company to another entity

Member States shall take the necessary measures to ensure that when the ultimate responsibility for the purchase of the fuel, or the operation of the ship, or both, is assumed by an entity other than the shipping company pursuant to a contractual arrangement, the shipping company is entitled to reimbursement from that entity for the costs arising from the surrender of allowances.

'Operation of the ship' for the purposes of this Article means determining the cargo carried or the route and the speed of the ship. The shipping company shall remain the entity responsible for surrendering allowances as required under Articles 3gb and 12 and for overall compliance with the provisions of national law transposing this Directive. Member States shall ensure that shipping companies under their responsibility comply with the obligations to surrender allowances under Articles 3gb and 12, notwithstanding the entitlement of such shipping companies to be reimbursed by the commercial operators for the costs arising from the surrender.

# Article 3gd

# Monitoring and reporting of emissions from maritime transport

In respect of emissions from maritime transport activities listed in Annex I to this Directive, the administering authority in respect of a shipping company shall ensure that a shipping company under its responsibility monitors and reports the relevant parameters during a reporting period, and submits to it aggregated emissions data at company level in accordance with Chapter II of Regulation (EU) 2015/757.

#### Article 3ge

# Verification and accreditation rules for emissions from maritime transport

The administering authority in respect of a shipping company shall ensure that the reporting of aggregated emissions data at shipping company level submitted by a shipping company pursuant to Article 3gd of this Directive is verified in accordance with the verification and accreditation rules set out in Chapter III of Regulation (EU) 2015/757.

## Article 3gf

## Administering authority in respect of a shipping company

- 1. The administering authority in respect of a shipping company shall be:
- (a) in the case of a shipping company registered in a Member State, the Member State in which the shipping company is registered;
- (b) in the case of a shipping company that is not registered in a Member State, the Member State with the greatest estimated number of port calls from voyages performed by that shipping company in the preceding four monitoring years and falling within the scope set out in Article 3ga;
- (c) in the case of a shipping company that is not registered in a Member State and that did not carry out any voyage falling within the scope set out in Article 3ga in the preceding four monitoring years, the Member State where a ship of the shipping company has started or ended its first voyage falling within the scope set out in that Article.
- 2. Based on the best available information, the Commission shall establish by means of implementing acts:
- (a) before 1 February 2024, a list of shipping companies which performed a maritime transport activity listed in Annex I that fell within the scope set out in Article 3ga on or with effect from 1 January 2024, specifying the administering authority in respect of a shipping company in accordance with paragraph 1 of this Article;
- (b) before 1 February 2026 and every two years thereafter, an updated list to reattribute shipping companies registered in a Member State to another administering authority in respect of a shipping company if they changed the Member State of registration within the Union in accordance with paragraph 1, point (a), of this Article or to include shipping companies which have subsequently performed a maritime transport activity listed in Annex I that fell within the scope set out in Article 3ga, in accordance with paragraph 1, point (c), of this Article; and

- (c) before 1 February 2028 and every four years thereafter, an updated list to reattribute shipping companies that are not registered in a Member State to another administering authority in respect of a shipping company in accordance with paragraph 1, point (b), of this Article.
- 3. An administering authority in respect of a shipping company that, according to the list established pursuant to paragraph 2, is responsible for a shipping company shall retain that responsibility regardless of subsequent changes in the shipping company's activities or registration until those changes are reflected in an updated list.
- 4. The Commission shall adopt implementing acts to establish detailed rules relating to the administration of shipping companies by administering authorities in respect of a shipping company under this Directive. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 22a(2).

# Article 3gg

#### Reporting and review

1. In the event of the adoption by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) of a global market-based measure to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from maritime transport, the Commission shall review this Directive in light of that adopted measure.

To that end, the Commission shall submit a report to the European Parliament and to the Council within 18 months of the adoption of such a global market-based measure and before it becomes operational. In that report, the Commission shall examine the global market-based measure as regards:

- (a) its ambition in light of the objectives of the Paris Agreement;
- (b) its overall environmental integrity, including in comparison with the provisions of this Directive covering maritime transport; and
- (c) any issue related to the coherence between the EU ETS and that measure.

Where appropriate, the Commission may accompany the report referred to in the second subparagraph of this paragraph with a legislative proposal to amend this Directive in a manner that is consistent with the Union 2030 climate target and the climate-neutrality objective set out in Regulation (EU) 2021/1119, and with the aim of preserving the environmental integrity and effectiveness of Union climate action, in order to ensure coherence between the implementation of the global market-based measure and the EU ETS, while avoiding any significant double burden.

In the event that the IMO does not adopt by 2028 a global marketbased measure to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from maritime transport in line with the objectives of the Paris Agreement and at least to a level comparable to that resulting from the Union measures taken under this Directive, the Commission shall submit a report to the European Parliament and to the Council in which it shall examine the need to apply the allocation of allowances and surrender requirements in respect of more than fifty percent (50 %) of the emissions from ships performing voyages between a port of call under the jurisdiction of a Member State and a port of call outside the jurisdiction of a Member State, in light of the objectives of the Paris Agreement. In that report, the Commission shall, in particular, consider progress at IMO level and examine whether any third country has a market-based measure equivalent to this Directive and assess the risk of an increase in evasive practices, including through a shift to other modes of transport or a shift of port hubs to ports outside the Union.

Where appropriate, the report referred to in the first subparagraph shall be accompanied by a legislative proposal to amend this Directive.

- The Commission shall monitor the implementation of this Chapter in relation to maritime transport, in particular to detect evasive behaviour in order to prevent such behaviour at an early stage, including giving consideration to outermost regions, and report biennially from 2024 on the implementation of this Chapter in relation to maritime transport and possible trends regarding shipping companies seeking to evade the requirements of this Directive. The Commission shall also monitor impacts regarding, inter alia, possible transport cost increases, market distortions and changes in port traffic, such as port evasion and shifts of transhipment hubs, the overall competitiveness of the maritime sector in the Member States, and in particular impacts on those shipping services that constitute essential services of territorial continuity. If appropriate, the Commission shall propose measures to ensure the effective implementation of this Chapter in relation to maritime transport, in particular measures to address trends regarding shipping companies seeking to evade the requirements of this Directive.
- 4. No later than 30 September 2028, the Commission shall assess the appropriateness of extending the application of Article 3ga(3), second subparagraph, beyond 31 December 2030 and, if appropriate, submit a legislative proposal to that effect.
- 5. No later than 31 December 2026, the Commission shall present a report to the European Parliament and to the Council in which it shall examine the feasibility and economic, environmental and social impacts of the inclusion in this Directive of emissions from ships, including offshore ships, below 5 000 gross tonnage but not below 400 gross tonnage, building, in particular, on the analysis accompanying the review of Regulation (EU) 2015/757 due by 31 December 2024.

That report shall also consider the interlinkages between this Directive and Regulation (EU) 2015/757 and draw on the experience gained from the application thereof. In that report, the Commission shall also examine how this Directive can best account for the uptake of renewable and low-carbon maritime fuels on a lifecycle basis. If appropriate, the report may be accompanied by legislative proposals.

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#### CHAPTER III

## STATIONARY INSTALLATIONS

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#### Article 3h

#### Scope

The provisions of this Chapter shall apply to greenhouse gas emissions permits and the allocation and issue of allowances in respect of activities listed in Annex I other than aviation activities and maritime transport activities.

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# Article 4

# Greenhouse gas emissions permits

Member States shall ensure that, from 1 January 2005, no installation carries out any activity listed in Annex I resulting in emissions specified in relation to that activity unless its operator holds a permit issued by a competent authority in accordance with Articles 5 and 6, or the installation is excluded from the ▶ M9 EU ETS ◀ pursuant to Article 27. This shall also apply to installations opted in under Article 24.

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## Article 5

# Applications for greenhouse gas emissions permits

An application to the competent authority for a greenhouse gas emissions permit shall include a description of:

- (a) the installation and its activities including the technology used;
- (b) the raw and auxiliary materials, the use of which is likely to lead to emissions of gases listed in Annex I;
- (c) the sources of emissions of gases listed in Annex I from the installation; and

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(d) the measures planned to monitor and report emissions in accordance with the ► M9 acts ◀ referred to in Article 14.

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The application shall also include a non-technical summary of the details referred to in the first subparagraph.

#### Article 6

## Conditions for and contents of the greenhouse gas emissions permit

1. The competent authority shall issue a greenhouse gas emissions permit granting authorisation to emit greenhouse gases from all or part of an installation if it is satisfied that the operator is capable of monitoring and reporting emissions.

A greenhouse gas emissions permit may cover one or more installations on the same site operated by the same operator.



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- 2. Greenhouse gas emissions permits shall contain the following:
- (a) the name and address of the operator;
- (b) a description of the activities and emissions from the installation;

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(c) a monitoring plan that fulfils the requirements under the ► M9 acts ◀ referred to in Article 14. Member States may allow operators to update monitoring plans without changing the permit. Operators shall submit any updated monitoring plans to the competent authority for approval;

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(d) reporting requirements; and

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(e) an obligation to surrender allowances equal to the total emissions of the installation in each calendar year, as verified in accordance with Article 15, by the deadline laid down in Article 12(3).

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#### Article 7

# Changes relating to installations

The operator shall inform the competent authority of any planned changes to the nature or functioning of the installation, or any extension or significant reduction of its capacity, which may require updating the greenhouse gas emissions permit. Where appropriate, the competent authority shall update the permit. Where there is a change in the identity of the installation's operator, the competent authority shall update the permit to include the name and address of the new operator.

#### Article 8

## Coordination with Directive 2010/75/EU

Member States shall take the necessary measures to ensure that, where installations carry out activities that are included in Annex I to Directive 2010/75/EU, the conditions and procedure for the issue of a greenhouse gas emissions permit are coordinated with those for the issue of a permit provided for in that Directive. The requirements laid down in Articles 5, 6 and 7 of this Directive may be integrated into the procedures provided for in Directive 2010/75/EU.

The Commission shall review the effectiveness of synergies with Directive 2010/75/EU. Environmental and climate-relevant permits shall be coordinated to ensure efficient and speedier execution of measures needed to comply with Union climate and energy objectives. The Commission may submit a report to the European Parliament and to the Council in the context of any future review of this Directive.

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#### Article 9

# ► M9 Union **<-**wide quantity of allowances

The ightharpoonup M9 Union ightharpoonup --wide quantity of allowances issued each year starting in 2013 shall decrease in a linear manner beginning from the mid-point of the period from 2008 to 2012. The quantity shall decrease by a linear factor of 1,74% compared to the average annual total quantity of allowances issued by Member States in accordance with the Commission Decisions on their national allocation plans for the period from 2008 to 2012. <math>
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Starting in 2021, the linear factor shall be 2,2 %.

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In 2024, the Union-wide quantity of allowances shall be decreased by 90 million allowances. In 2026, the Union-wide quantity of allowances shall be decreased by 27 million allowances. In 2024, the Union-wide quantity of allowances shall be increased by 78,4 million allowances for maritime transport. The linear factor shall be 4,3 % from 2024 to 2027 and 4,4 % from 2028. The linear factor shall also apply to the allowances corresponding to the average emissions from maritime transport reported in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2015/757 for 2018 and 2019 that are addressed in Article 3ga of this Directive. The Commission shall publish the Union-wide quantity of allowances by 6 September 2023.

From 1 January 2026 and 1 January 2027 respectively, the quantity of allowances shall be increased to take into account the coverage of greenhouse gas emissions other than CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from maritime transport activities and the coverage of emissions of offshore ships,

based on their emissions for the most recent year for which data are available. Notwithstanding Article 10(1), the allowances resulting from that increase shall be made available to support innovation in accordance with Article 10a(8).

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#### Article 9a

# Adjustment of the ► M9 Union <-wide quantity of allowances

- 1. In respect of installations that were included in the  $\blacktriangleright \underline{M9}$  EU ETS  $\blacktriangleleft$  during the period from 2008 to 2012 pursuant to Article 24(1), the quantity of allowances to be issued from 1 January 2013 shall be adjusted to reflect the average annual quantity of allowances issued in respect of those installations during the period of their inclusion, adjusted by the linear factor referred to in Article 9.
- 2. In respect of installations carrying out activities listed in Annex I, which are only included in the  $\blacktriangleright \underline{M9}$  EU ETS  $\blacktriangleleft$  from 2013 onwards, Member States shall ensure that the operators of such installations submit to the relevant competent authority duly substantiated and independently verified emissions data in order for them to be taken into account for the adjustment of the  $\blacktriangleright \underline{M9}$  Union  $\blacktriangleleft$ -wide quantity of allowances to be issued.

Any such data shall be submitted, by 30 April 2010, to the relevant competent authority in accordance with the provisions adopted pursuant to Article 14(1).

If the data submitted are duly substantiated, the competent authority shall notify the Commission thereof by 30 June 2010 and the quantity of allowances to be issued, adjusted by the linear factor referred to in Article 9, shall be adjusted accordingly. In the case of installations emitting greenhouse gases other than CO<sub>2</sub>, the competent authority may notify a lower amount of emissions according to the emission reduction potential of those installations.

- 3. The Commission shall publish the adjusted quantities referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 by 30 September 2010.
- 4. In respect of installations which are excluded from the  $\blacktriangleright \underline{M9}$  EU ETS  $\blacktriangleleft$  in accordance with Article 27, the  $\blacktriangleright \underline{M9}$  Union  $\blacktriangleleft$ -wide quantity of allowances to be issued from 1 January 2013 shall be adjusted downwards to reflect the average annual verified emissions of those installations in the period from 2008 to 2010, adjusted by the linear factor referred to in Article 9.

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#### Article 10

# Auctioning of allowances

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1. From 2019 onwards, Member States shall auction all allowances that are not allocated free of charge in accordance with Articles 10a and 10c of this Directive and that are not placed in the market stability reserve established by Decision (EU) 2015/1814 of the European Parliament and of the Council (¹) (the 'market stability reserve') or cancelled in accordance with Article 12(4) of this Directive.

From 2021 onwards, and without prejudice to a possible reduction pursuant to Article 10a(5a), the share of allowances to be auctioned shall be 57 %.

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2 % of the total quantity of allowances between 2021 and 2030 shall be auctioned to establish a fund to improve energy efficiency and modernise the energy systems of certain Member States (the 'beneficiary Member States') as set out in Article 10d (the 'Modernisation Fund'). The beneficiary Member States for that amount of allowances shall be the Member States with a GDP per capita at market prices below 60 % of the Union average in 2013. The funds corresponding to that amount of allowances shall be distributed in accordance with Part A of Annex IIb.

In addition, 2,5 % of the total quantity of allowances between 2024 and 2030 shall be auctioned for the Modernisation Fund. The beneficiary Member States for that amount of allowances shall be the Member States with a GDP per capita at market prices below 75 % of the Union average during the period from 2016 to 2018. The funds corresponding to that amount of allowances shall be distributed in accordance with Part B of Annex IIb.

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The total remaining quantity of allowances to be auctioned by Member States shall be distributed in accordance with paragraph 2.

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1a. Where the volume of allowances to be auctioned by Member States in the last year of each period referred to in  $\blacktriangleright \underline{M9}$  Article 13  $\blacktriangleleft$  of this Directive exceeds by more than 30% the expected average auction volume for the first two years of the following period before application of Article 1(5) of Decision (EU) 2015/1814, two thirds of the difference between the volumes shall be deducted from the auction volumes in the last year of the period and added in equal instalments to the volumes to be auctioned by Member States in the first two years of the following period.

<sup>(</sup>¹) Decision (EU) 2015/1814 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 October 2015 concerning the establishment and operation of a market stability reserve for the Union greenhouse gas emission trading system and amending Directive 2003/87/EC (OJ L 264, 9.10.2015, p. 1).

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- 2. The total quantity of allowances to be auctioned by each Member State shall be composed as follows:
- (a) ► M9 90 % ◀ of the total quantity of allowances to be auctioned being distributed amongst Member States in shares that are identical to the share of verified emissions under the ► M9 EU ETS ◀ for 2005 or the average of the period from 2005 to 2007, whichever one is the highest, of the Member State concerned;

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(b) 10 % of the total quantity of allowances to be auctioned being distributed amongst certain Member States for the purposes of solidarity, growth and interconnections within the Union, thereby increasing the amount of allowances that those Member States auction under point (a) by the percentages specified in Annex IIa.

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For the purposes of point (a), in respect of Member States which did not participate in the  $\blacktriangleright \underline{M9}$  EU ETS  $\blacktriangleleft$  in 2005, their share shall be calculated using their verified emissions under the  $\blacktriangleright \underline{M9}$  EU ETS  $\blacktriangleleft$  in 2007.

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If necessary, the percentages referred to in point (b) shall be adapted in a proportional manner to ensure that the distribution is 10 %.

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3. Member States shall determine the use of revenues generated from the auctioning of allowances referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article, except for the revenues established as own resources in accordance with Article 311, third paragraph, TFEU and entered in the Union budget. Member States shall use those revenues, with the exception of the revenues used for the compensation of indirect carbon costs referred to in Article 10a(6) of this Directive, or the equivalent in financial value of those revenues, for one or more of the following:

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(a) to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, including by contributing to the Global Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Fund and to the Adaptation Fund as made operational by the Poznan Conference on Climate Change (COP 14 and COP/MOP 4), to adapt to the impacts of climate change and to fund research and development as well as demonstration projects for reducing emissions and for adaptation to climate change, including participation in initiatives within the framework of the European Strategic Energy Technology Plan and the European Technology Platforms;

- (b) to develop renewable energies and grids for electricity transmission to meet the commitment of the Union to renewable energies and the Union targets on interconnectivity, as well as to develop other technologies that contribute to the transition to a safe and sustainable low-carbon economy, and to help to meet the commitment of the Union to increase energy efficiency, at the levels agreed in relevant legislative acts, including the production of electricity from renewables self-consumers and renewable energy communities;
- (c) measures to avoid deforestation and support the protection and restoration of peatland, forests and other land-based ecosystems or marine-based ecosystems, including measures that contribute to the protection, restoration and better management thereof, in particular as regards marine-protected areas, and increase biodiversity-friendly afforestation and reforestation, including in developing countries that have ratified the Paris Agreement, and measures to transfer technologies and to facilitate adaptation to the adverse effects of climate change in those countries;
- (d) forestry and soil sequestration in the Union;
- (e) the environmentally safe capture and geological storage of CO<sub>2</sub>, in particular from solid fossil fuel power stations and a range of industrial sectors and subsectors, including in third countries, and innovative technological carbon removal methods, such as direct air capture and storage;
- (f) to invest in and accelerate the shift to forms of transport which contribute significantly to the decarbonisation of the sector, including the development of climate-friendly passenger and freight rail transport and bus services and technologies, measures to decarbonise the maritime sector, including the improvement of the energy efficiency of ships, ports, innovative technologies and infrastructure, and sustainable alternative fuels, such as hydrogen and ammonia that are produced from renewables, and zeroemission propulsion technologies, and to finance measures to support the decarbonisation of airports in accordance with a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure, and repealing Directive 2014/94/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, and a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on ensuring a level playing field for sustainable air transport;

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 (g) to finance research and development in energy efficiency and clean technologies in the sectors covered by this Directive;

- (h) measures intended to improve energy efficiency, district heating systems and insulation, to support efficient and renewable heating and cooling systems, or to support the deep and staged deep renovation of buildings in accordance with Directive 2010/31/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council (¹), starting with the renovation of the worst-performing buildings;
- (ha) to provide financial support to address social aspects in lower- and middle-income households, including by reducing distortive taxes, and targeted reductions of duties and charges for renewable electricity;
- (hb) to finance national climate dividend schemes with a proven positive environmental impact as documented in the annual report referred to in Article 19(2) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1999 of the European Parliament and of the Council (2);

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(i) to cover administrative expenses of the management of the ►M9 EU ETS ◄;

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 to finance climate actions in vulnerable third countries, including the adaptation to the impacts of climate change;

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- (k) to promote skill formation and reallocation of labour in order to contribute to a just transition to a climate-neutral economy, in particular in regions most affected by the transition of jobs, in close coordination with the social partners, and to invest in upskilling and reskilling of workers potentially affected by the transition, including workers in maritime transport;
- (l) to address any residual risk of carbon leakage in the sectors covered by Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2023/956 of the European Parliament and of the Council (3), supporting the transition and promoting their decarbonisation in accordance with State aid rules.

<sup>(</sup>¹) Directive 2010/31/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 May 2010 on the energy performance of buildings (OJ L 153, 18.6.2010, p. 13).

<sup>(2)</sup> Regulation (EU) 2018/1999 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 on the Governance of the Energy Union and Climate Action, amending Regulations (EC) No 663/2009 and (EC) No 715/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Directives 94/22/EC, 98/70/EC, 2009/31/EC, 2009/73/EC, 2010/31/EU, 2012/27/EU and 2013/30/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, Council Directives 2009/119/EC and (EU) 2015/652 and repealing Regulation (EU) No 525/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 328, 21.12.2018, p. 1).
(3) Regulation (EU) 2023/956 of the European Parliament and of the Council of

<sup>(3)</sup> Regulation (EU) 2023/956 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 May 2023 establishing a carbon border adjustment mechanism (OJ L 130, 16.5.2023, p. 52).

When determining the use of revenues generated from the auctioning of the allowances, Member States shall take into account the need to continue scaling up international climate finance in vulnerable third countries referred to in the first subparagraph, point (j).

Member States shall be deemed to have fulfilled the provisions of this paragraph if they have in place and implement fiscal or financial support policies, including in particular in developing countries, or domestic regulatory policies, which leverage financial support, established for the purposes set out in the first subparagraph and which have a value equivalent to the revenues referred to in the first subparagraph.

Member States shall inform the Commission as to the use of revenues and the actions taken pursuant to this paragraph in their reports submitted under Article 19(2) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1999, specifying, where relevant and as appropriate, which revenues are used and the actions that are taken to implement their integrated national energy and climate plans submitted in accordance with that Regulation, and their territorial just transition plans prepared in accordance with Article 11 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1056 of the European Parliament and of the Council (¹).

The reporting shall be sufficiently detailed to enable the Commission to assess the Member States' compliance with the first subparagraph.

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4. ▶ M15 The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 23 of this Directive to supplement this Directive concerning the timing, administration and other aspects of auctioning, including modalities for auctioning which are necessary for the transfer of a share of revenues to the Union budget as external assigned revenue in accordance with Article 30d(4) of this Directive or as own resources in accordance with Article 311, third paragraph, TFEU, in order to ensure that it is conducted in an open, transparent, harmonised and non-discriminatory manner. To that end, the process shall be predictable, in particular as regards the timing and sequencing of auctions and the estimated amount of allowances to be made available. ◀

Those delegated acts shall ensure that auctions are designed to ensure that:

- (a) operators, and in particular any small and medium-sized enterprises covered by the EU ETS, have full, fair and equitable access;
- (b) all participants have access to the same information at the same time and that participants do not undermine the operation of the auctions;

<sup>(1)</sup> Regulation (EU) 2021/1056 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 establishing the Just Transition Fund (OJ L 231, 30.6.2021, p. 1).

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- (c) the organisation of, and participation in, the auctions is cost-efficient and undue administrative costs are avoided; and
- (d) access to allowances is granted to small emitters.

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Member States shall report on the proper implementation of the auctioning rules for each auction, in particular with respect to fair and open access, transparency, price formation and technical and operational aspects. These reports shall be submitted within one month of the auction concerned and shall be published on the Commission's website.

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- 5. The Commission shall monitor the functioning of the European carbon market. Each year, it shall submit a report to the European Parliament and to the Council on the functioning of the carbon market and on other relevant climate and energy policies, including the operation of the auctions, liquidity and the volumes traded, and summarising the information provided by the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) in accordance with paragraph 6 of this Article and the information provided by Member States on the financial measures referred to in Article 10a(6). If necessary, Member States shall ensure that any relevant information is submitted to the Commission at least two months before the Commission adopts the report.
- ESMA shall regularly monitor the integrity and transparency of the European carbon market, in particular with regard to market volatility and price evolution, the operation of the auctions, trading operations on the market for emission allowances and derivatives thereof, including over-the-counter trading, liquidity and the volumes traded, and the categories and trading behaviour of market participants, including positions of financial intermediaries. ESMA shall include the relevant findings and, where necessary, make recommendations in its assessments to the European Parliament, to the Council, to the Commission and to the European Systemic Risk Board in accordance with Article 32(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1095/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council (1). For the purposes of the tasks referred to in the first sentence of this paragraph, ESMA and the relevant competent authorities shall cooperate and exchange detailed information on all types of transactions in accordance with Article 25 of Regulation (EU) No 596/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council (2).

(¹) Regulation (EU) No 1095/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010 establishing a European Supervisory Authority (European Securities and Markets Authority), amending Decision No 716/2009/EC and repealing Commission Decision 2009/77/EC (OJ L 331, 15.12.2010, p. 84).

<sup>(2)</sup> Regulation (EU) No 596/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 on market abuse (market abuse regulation) and repealing Directive 2003/6/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Commission Directives 2003/124/EC, 2003/125/EC and 2004/72/EC (OJ L 173, 12.6.2014, p. 1).

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#### Article 10a

# Transitional ► M9 Union <-wide rules for harmonised free allocation

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1. The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 23 to supplement this Directive concerning the Union-wide and fully harmonised rules for the allocation of allowances referred to in paragraphs 4, 5, 7 and 19 of this Article.

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The measures referred to in the first subparagraph shall, to the extent feasible, determine  $\blacktriangleright \underline{M9}$  Union  $\blacktriangleleft$ -wide ex-ante benchmarks so as to ensure that allocation takes place in a manner that provides incentives for reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and energy efficient techniques, by taking account of the most efficient techniques, substitutes, alternative production processes, high efficiency cogeneration, efficient energy recovery of waste gases, use of biomass and capture and storage of  $CO_2$ , where such facilities are available, and shall not provide incentives to increase emissions. No free allocation shall be made in respect of any electricity production, except for cases falling within Article 10c and electricity produced from waste gases.

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If an installation is covered by the obligation to conduct an energy audit or to implement a certified energy management system under Article 8 of Directive 2012/27/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council (¹) and if the recommendations of the audit report or of the certified energy management system are not implemented, unless the pay-back time for the relevant investments exceeds three years or unless the costs of those investments are disproportionate, then the amount of free allocation shall be reduced by 20 %. The amount of free allocation shall not be reduced if an operator demonstrates that it has implemented other measures which lead to greenhouse gas emission reductions equivalent to those recommended by the audit report or by the certified energy management system for the installation concerned.

The Commission shall supplement this Directive by providing, in the delegated acts adopted pursuant to this paragraph and without prejudice to the rules applicable under Directive 2012/27/EU, for administratively simple harmonised rules for the application of the third subparagraph of this paragraph that ensure that the application of the conditionality does not jeopardise a level playing field, environmental integrity or equal treatment between installations across the Union. Those harmonised rules shall in particular provide for timelines, for criteria for the recognition of implemented energy efficiency measures as well as for alternative measures reducing greenhouse gas emissions, using the procedure for national implementing measures in accordance with Article 11(1) of this Directive.

<sup>(</sup>¹) Directive 2012/27/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on energy efficiency, amending Directives 2009/125/EC and 2010/30/EU and repealing Directives 2004/8/EC and 2006/32/EC (OJ L 315, 14.11.2012, p. 1).

In addition to the requirements set out in the third subparagraph of this paragraph, the reduction by 20 % referred to in that subparagraph shall be applied where, by 1 May 2024, operators of installations whose greenhouse gas emission levels are higher than the 80th percentile of emission levels for the relevant product benchmarks have not established a climate-neutrality plan for each of those installations for its activities covered by this Directive. That plan shall contain the elements specified in Article 10b(4) and be established in accordance with the implementing acts provided for in that Article. Article 10b(4) shall be read as only referring to the installation level. The achievement of the targets and milestones referred to in Article 10b(4), third subparagraph, point (b), shall be verified in respect of the period until 31 December 2025 and in respect of each period ending 31 December of each fifth year thereafter, in accordance with the verification and accreditation procedures provided for in Article 15. No free allowances beyond 80 % shall be allocated if achievement of the intermediate targets and milestones has not been verified in respect of the period until the end of 2025 or in respect of the period from 2026 to 2030.

Allowances that are not allocated due to a reduction of free allocation in accordance with the third and fifth subparagraphs of this paragraph shall be used to exempt installations from the adjustment in accordance with paragraph 5 of this Article. Where any such allowances remain, 50 % of those allowances shall be made available to support innovation in accordance with paragraph 8 of this Article. The other 50 % of those allowances shall be auctioned in accordance with Article 10(1) of this Directive and Member States should use the respective revenues to address any residual risk of carbon leakage in the sectors covered by Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2023/956, supporting the transition and promoting their decarbonisation in accordance with State aid rules.

No free allocation shall be given to installations in sectors or subsectors to the extent they are covered by other measures to address the risk of carbon leakage as established by Regulation (EU) 2023/956. The measures referred to in the first subparagraph of this paragraph shall be adjusted accordingly.

For each sector and subsector, in principle, the benchmark shall be calculated for products rather than for inputs, in order to maximise greenhouse gas emission reductions and energy efficiency savings throughout each production process of the sector or the subsector concerned. In order to provide further incentives for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving energy efficiency and to ensure a level playing field for installations using new technologies that partly reduce or fully eliminate greenhouse gas emissions, and installations using existing technologies, the determined Union-wide ex-ante benchmarks shall be reviewed in relation to their application in the period from 2026 to 2030, with a view to potentially modifying the definitions and system boundaries of existing product benchmarks, considering as guiding principles the circular use-potential of materials

and that the benchmarks should be independent of the feedstock and the type of production process, where the production processes have the same purpose. The Commission shall endeavour to adopt the implementing acts for the purpose of determining the revised benchmark values for free allocation in accordance with paragraph 2, third subparagraph, as soon as possible and before the start of the period from 2026 to 2030.

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In defining the principles for setting ex-ante benchmarks in individual sectors and subsectors, the Commission shall consult the relevant stakeholders, including the sectors and subsectors concerned.

The Commission shall, upon the approval by the  $\searrow$  Union  $\triangleleft$  of an international agreement on climate change leading to mandatory reductions of greenhouse gas emissions comparable to those of the  $\searrow$  Union  $\triangleleft$ , review those measures to provide that free allocation is only to take place where this is fully justified in the light of that agreement.

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1a. Subject to the application of Regulation (EU) 2023/956, no free allocation shall be given in relation to the production of goods listed in Annex I to that Regulation.

By way of derogation from the first subparagraph of this paragraph, for the first years of application of Regulation (EU) 2023/956, the production of goods listed in Annex I to that Regulation shall benefit from free allocation in reduced amounts. A factor reducing the free allocation for the production of those goods shall be applied (CBAM factor). The CBAM factor shall be equal to 100 % for the period between the entry into force of that Regulation and the end of 2025 and, subject to the application of provisions referred to in Article 36(2), point (b), of that Regulation, shall be equal to 97,5 % in 2026, 95 % in 2027, 90 % in 2028, 77,5 % in 2029, 51,5 % in 2030, 39 % in 2031, 26,5 % in 2032 and 14 % in 2033. From 2034, no CBAM factor shall apply.

The reduction of free allocation shall be calculated annually as the average share of the demand for free allocation for the production of goods listed in Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2023/956 compared to the calculated total free allocation demand for all installations, for the relevant period referred to in Article 11(1) of this Directive. The CBAM factor shall be applied in this calculation.

Allowances resulting from the reduction of free allocation shall be made available to support innovation in accordance with paragraph 8.

By 31 December 2024 and as part of its annual report to the European Parliament and to the Council pursuant to Article 10(5) of this Directive, the Commission shall assess the carbon leakage risk for goods subject to CBAM and produced in the Union for export to third countries which do not apply the EU ETS or a similar carbon pricing mechanism. The report shall in particular assess the carbon leakage risk in sectors to which CBAM will apply, in particular the role and accelerated uptake of hydrogen, and the developments as regards trade flows and the embedded emissions of goods produced by those sectors on the global market. Where the report concludes that there is a carbon leakage risk for goods produced in the Union for export to third countries which do not apply the EU ETS or an equivalent carbon pricing mechanism, the Commission shall, where appropriate, submit a legislative proposal to address that carbon leakage risk in a manner that is compliant with the rules of the World Trade Organization, including Article XX of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994, and takes into account the decarbonisation of installations in the Union.

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2. In defining the principles for setting ex-ante benchmarks in individual sectors or subsectors, the starting point shall be the average performance of the 10 % most efficient installations in a sector or subsector in the ►M9 Union ◄ in the years 2007-2008. The Commission shall consult the relevant stakeholders, including the sectors and subsectors concerned.

The ▶ M9 acts ■ pursuant to Articles 14 and 15 shall provide for harmonised rules on monitoring, reporting and verification of production-related greenhouse gas emissions with a view to determining the ex-ante benchmarks.

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The Commission shall adopt implementing acts for the purpose of determining the revised benchmark values for free allocation. Those acts shall be in accordance with the delegated acts adopted pursuant to paragraph 1 of this Article and shall comply with the following:

(a) For the period from 2021 to 2025, the benchmark values shall be determined on the basis of information submitted pursuant to Article 11 for the years 2016 and 2017. On the basis of a comparison of those benchmark values with the benchmark values contained in Commission Decision 2011/278/EU (¹), as adopted on 27 April 2011, the Commission shall determine the annual reduction rate for each benchmark, and shall apply it to the benchmark values applicable in the period from 2013 to 2020 in respect of each year between 2008 and 2023 to determine the benchmark values for the period from 2021 to 2025.

<sup>(</sup>¹) Commission Decision 2011/278/EU of 27 April 2011 determining transitional Union-wide rules for harmonised free allocation of emission allowances pursuant to Article 10a of Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 130, 17.5.2011, p. 1).

(b) Where the annual reduction rate exceeds 1,6 % or is below 0,2 %, the benchmark values for the period from 2021 to 2025 shall be the benchmark values applicable in the period from 2013 to 2020 reduced by whichever of those two percentage rates is relevant, in respect of each year between 2008 and 2023.

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- (c) For the period from 2026 to 2030, the benchmark values shall be determined in the same manner as set out in points (a) and (d) of this subparagraph, taking into account point (e) of this subparagraph, on the basis of information submitted pursuant to Article 11 for the years 2021 and 2022 and on the basis of applying the annual reduction rate in respect of each year between 2008 and 2028.
- (d) Where the annual reduction rate exceeds 2,5 % or is below 0,3 %, the benchmark values for the period from 2026 to 2030 shall be the benchmark values applicable in the period from 2013 to 2020 reduced by whichever of those two percentage rates is relevant, in respect of each year between 2008 and 2028.
- (e) For the period from 2026 to 2030, the annual reduction rate for the product benchmark for hot metal shall not be affected by the change of benchmark definitions and system boundaries applicable pursuant to paragraph 1, eighth subparagraph.

By way of derogation regarding the benchmark values for aromatics and syngas, those benchmark values shall be adjusted by the same percentage as the refineries benchmarks in order to preserve a level playing field for producers of those products.

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The implementing acts referred to in the third subparagraph shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 22a(2).

In order to promote efficient energy recovery from waste gases, for the period referred to in point (b) of the third subparagraph, the benchmark value for hot metal, which predominantly relates to waste gases, shall be updated with an annual reduction rate of 0,2 %.

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5. In order to respect the auctioning share set out in Article 10, for every year in which the sum of free allocations does not reach the maximum amount that respects the auctioning share, the remaining allowances up to that amount shall be used to prevent or limit reduction of free allocations to respect the auctioning share in later years. Where, nonetheless, the maximum amount is reached, free allocations shall be adjusted accordingly. Any such adjustment shall be done in a uniform manner. However, installations whose greenhouse gas emission levels are below the average of the 10 % most efficient installations in a sector or subsector in the Union for the relevant benchmarks in a year when the adjustment applies shall be exempted from that adjustment.

- 5a. By way of derogation from paragraph 5, an additional amount of up to 3% of the total quantity of allowances shall, to the extent necessary, be used to increase the maximum amount available under paragraph 5.
- 5b. Where less than 3 % of the total quantity of allowances is needed to increase the maximum amount available under paragraph 5:
- a maximum of 50 million allowances shall be used to increase the amount of allowances available to support innovation in accordance with Article 10a(8); and
- a maximum of 0,5 % of the total quantity of allowances shall be used to increase the amount of allowances available to modernise the energy systems of certain Member States in accordance with Article 10d.
- 6. ► M15 Member States should adopt financial measures in accordance with the second and fourth subparagraphs of this paragraph in favour of sectors or subsectors which are exposed to a genuine risk of carbon leakage due to significant indirect costs that are actually incurred from greenhouse gas emission costs passed on in electricity prices, provided that such financial measures are in accordance with State aid rules, and in particular do not cause undue distortions of competition in the internal market. The financial measures adopted should not compensate indirect costs covered by free allocation in accordance with the benchmarks established pursuant to paragraph 1 of this Article. Where a Member State spends an amount higher than the equivalent of 25 % of the auction revenues referred to in Article 10(3) for the year in which the indirect costs were incurred, it shall set out the reasons for exceeding that amount. ◀

Member States shall also seek to use no more than 25 % of the revenues generated from the auctioning of allowances for the financial measures referred to in the first subparagraph. Within three months of the end of each year, Member States that have such financial measures in place shall make available to the public, in an easily accessible form, the total amount of compensation provided per benefitting sector and subsector. As from 2018, in any year in which a Member State uses more than 25 % of the revenues generated from the auctioning of allowances for such purposes, it shall publish a report setting out the reasons for exceeding that amount. The report shall include relevant information on electricity prices for large industrial consumers benefiting from such financial measures, without prejudice to requirements regarding the protection of confidential information. The report shall also include information on whether due consideration has been given to other measures to sustainably lower indirect carbon costs in the medium to long term.

The Commission shall include in the report provided for in Article 10(5), *inter alia*, an assessment of the effects of such financial measures on the internal market and, where appropriate, recommend any measures that may be necessary pursuant to that assessment.

Those measures shall be such as to ensure that there is adequate protection against the risk of carbon leakage, based on *ex-ante* benchmarks for the indirect emissions of  $CO_2$  per unit of production. Those *ex-ante* benchmarks shall be calculated for a given sector or subsector as the product of the electricity consumption per unit of production corresponding to the most efficient available technologies and of the  $CO_2$  emissions of the relevant European electricity production mix.

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7. ▶ M9 Allowances from the maximum amount referred to in paragraph 5 of this Article which were not allocated for free by 2020 shall be set aside for new entrants, together with 200 million allowances placed in the market stability reserve pursuant to Article 1(3) of Decision (EU) 2015/1814. Of the allowances set aside, up to 200 million shall be returned to the market stability reserve at the end of the period from 2021 to 2030 if not allocated for that period. ◀

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From 2021, allowances that, pursuant to paragraphs 19, 20 and 22, are not allocated to installations shall be added to the amount of allowances set aside in accordance with the first subparagraph, first sentence, of this paragraph.

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Allocations shall be adjusted by the linear factor referred to in Article 9.

No free allocation shall be made in respect of any electricity production by new entrants.

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8. 345 million allowances from the quantity which could otherwise be allocated for free pursuant to this Article, and 80 million allowances from the quantity which could otherwise be auctioned pursuant to Article 10, as well as the allowances resulting from the reduction of free allocation referred to in paragraph 1a of this Article, shall be made available to a fund (the 'Innovation Fund') with the objective of supporting innovation in low- and zero-carbon techniques, processes and technologies that contribute significantly to the decarbonisation of the sectors covered by this Directive and contribute to zero pollution and circularity objectives, including projects aimed at scaling up such techniques, processes and technologies with a view to their broad rollout across the Union. Such projects shall possess significant greenhouse gas emissions abatement potential and contribute to energy and resource savings in line with the Union's climate and energy targets for 2030.

The Commission shall frontload Innovation Fund allowances to ensure that an adequate amount of resources is available to foster innovation, including for scaling up.

Allowances that are not issued to aircraft operators due to them ceasing operations and which are not necessary to cover any shortfall in surrenders by those operators shall also be used for innovation support as referred to in the first subparagraph.

Moreover, 5 million allowances from the quantity referred to in Article 3c(5) and (7) relating to aviation allocations for 2026 shall be made available for innovation support as referred to in the first subparagraph of this paragraph.

In addition, 50 million unallocated allowances from the market stability reserve shall supplement any remaining revenues from the 300 million allowances available in the period from 2013 to 2020 under Commission Decision 2010/670/EU (¹), and shall be used in a timely manner for innovation support as referred to in the first subparagraph of this paragraph.

The Innovation Fund shall cover the sectors listed in Annexes I and III, as well as products and processes substituting carbon intensive ones produced or used in sectors listed in Annex I, including innovative renewable energy and energy storage technologies and environmentally safe carbon capture and utilisation (CCU) that contributes substantially to mitigating climate change, in particular for unavoidable process emissions, and shall help stimulate the construction and operation of projects aimed at the environmentally safe capture, transport and geological storage (CCS) of CO<sub>2</sub>, in particular for unavoidable industrial process emissions, and the direct capture of CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere with safe, sustainable and permanent storage (DACS), in geographically balanced locations. The Innovation Fund may also support breakthrough innovative technologies and infrastructure, including production of lowand zero-carbon fuels, to decarbonise the maritime, aviation, rail and road transport sectors, including collective forms of transport such as public transport and coach services.

For aviation, it may also support electrification and actions to reduce the overall climate impacts of aviation.

The Commission shall give special attention to projects in sectors covered by Regulation (EU) 2023/956 to support innovation in low-carbon technologies, CCU, CCS, renewable energy and energy storage, in a way that contributes to mitigating climate change with the aim of awarding, over the period from 2021 to 2030, projects in those sectors a significant share of the equivalence in financial value of

<sup>(</sup>¹) Commission Decision 2010/670/EU of 3 November 2010 laying down criteria and measures for the financing of commercial demonstration projects that aim at the environmentally safe capture and geological storage of CO<sub>2</sub> as well as demonstration projects of innovative renewable energy technologies under the scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the Community established by Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 290, 6.11.2010, p. 39).

the allowances referred to in paragraph 1a, fourth subparagraph, of this Article. In addition, the Commission may launch, before 2027, calls for proposals dedicated to the sectors covered by that Regulation.

The Commission shall also give special attention to projects contributing to the decarbonisation of the maritime sector and shall include topics dedicated to that purpose in the Innovation Fund calls for proposals, where appropriate, including to electrify maritime transport, and to address its full climate impact, including black carbon emissions. Such calls for proposals shall also, in the criteria used for the selection of projects, take particular account of the potential for increasing biodiversity protection and for reducing noise and water pollution from projects and investments.

The Innovation Fund may in accordance with paragraph 8a support projects through competitive bidding, such as CDs, CCDs or fixed premium contracts to support decarbonisation technologies for which the carbon price might not be a sufficient incentive.

The Commission shall seek synergies between the Innovation Fund and Horizon Europe, in particular in relation to European partnerships, and shall, where relevant, seek synergies between the Innovation Fund and other Union programmes.

Projects in the territory of all Member States, including small-scale and medium-scale projects, shall be eligible, and, for maritime activities, projects with clear added value for the Union shall be eligible. Technologies receiving support shall be innovative and not yet commercially viable at a similar scale without support, but shall represent breakthrough solutions or be sufficiently mature for application on a precommercial scale.

The Commission shall ensure that the allowances destined for the Innovation Fund are auctioned in accordance with the principles and modalities referred to in Article 10(4) of this Directive. Proceeds from the auctioning shall constitute external assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council (¹). Budgetary commitments for actions extending over more than one financial year may be broken down into annual instalments over several years.

<sup>(</sup>¹) Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1).

The Commission shall, on request, provide technical assistance to Member States with low effective participation in projects under the Innovation Fund for the purpose of increasing the capacities of the requesting Member State to support the efforts of project proponents in their respective territories to submit applications for funding from the Innovation Fund, in order to improve the effective geographical participation in the Innovation Fund and increase the overall quality of submitted projects. The Commission shall pursue effective, quality-based geographical coverage in relation to funding from the Innovation Fund across the Union and shall ensure comprehensive monitoring of progress and appropriate follow-up in that respect.

Subject to the agreement of applicants, following the closure of a call for proposals, the Commission shall inform Member States of the applications for funding of projects in their respective territories and shall provide them with detailed information concerning those applications in order to facilitate Member States' coordination of the support for projects. In addition, the Commission shall inform Member States about the list of pre-selected projects prior to the award of the support.

Projects shall be selected by means of a transparent selection procedure, in a technology-neutral manner in accordance with the objectives of the Innovation Fund as set out in the first subparagraph of this paragraph and on the basis of objective and transparent criteria, taking into account the extent to which projects provide a significant contribution to the Union's climate and energy targets while contributing to the zero pollution and circularity objectives in accordance with the first subparagraph of this paragraph, and, where relevant, the extent to which projects contribute to achieving emission reductions well below the benchmarks referred to in paragraph 2. Projects shall have the potential for widespread application or to significantly lower the costs of transitioning towards a climate-neutral economy in the sectors concerned. Priority shall be given to innovative technologies and processes addressing multiple environmental impacts. Projects involving CCU shall deliver a net reduction in emissions and ensure avoidance or permanent storage of CO2. In the case of grants provided through calls for proposals, up to 60 % of the relevant costs of projects may be supported, out of which up to 40 % need not be dependent on verified avoidance of greenhouse gas emissions, provided that predetermined milestones, taking into account the technology deployed, are attained. In the case of support provided through competitive bidding and in the case of technical assistance support, up to 100 % of the relevant costs of projects may be supported. The potential for emission reductions in multiple sectors offered by combined projects, including in nearby areas, shall be taken into account in the criteria used for the selection of projects.

Projects funded by the Innovation Fund shall be required to share knowledge with other relevant projects as well as with Union-based researchers having a legitimate interest. The terms of knowledge sharing shall be defined by the Commission in calls for proposals.

The calls for proposals shall be open and transparent. In preparing the calls for proposals, the Commission shall strive to ensure that all sectors are duly covered. The Commission shall take measures to ensure that the calls are communicated as widely as possible, and especially to small and medium-sized enterprises.

The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 23 to supplement this Directive concerning rules on the operation of the Innovation Fund, including the selection procedure and criteria, and the eligible sectors and technological requirements for the different types of support.

No project shall receive support via the mechanism under this paragraph that exceeds 15 % of the total number of allowances available for this purpose. Those allowances shall be taken into account under paragraph 7.

By 31 December 2023 and every year thereafter, the Commission shall report to the Climate Change Committee referred to in Article 22a(1) of this Directive, on the implementation of the Innovation Fund, providing an analysis of projects awarded funding, by sector and by Member State, and the expected contribution of those projects towards the objective of climate neutrality in the Union as set out in Regulation (EU) 2021/1119. The Commission shall provide the report to the European Parliament and to the Council and shall make that report public.

8a. For CDs and CCDs awarded upon conclusion of a competitive bidding mechanism, appropriate coverage through budgetary commitments resulting from the proceeds of auctioning of allowances available in the Innovation Fund shall be provided and those budgetary commitments may be broken down into annual instalments over several years. For the first two rounds of the competitive bidding mechanism, coverage of the financial liability related to CDs and CCDs shall be fully ensured with appropriations resulting from the proceeds of auctioning of allowances allocated to the Innovation Fund pursuant to paragraph 8.

On the basis of a qualitative and quantitative assessment by the Commission of the financial risks arising from the implementation of CDs and CCDs, to be made after the conclusion of the first two rounds of the competitive bidding mechanism and each time it is necessary thereafter in accordance with the principle of prudence, whereby assets and profits are not to be overestimated and liabilities and losses are not to be underestimated, the Commission may, in accordance with the empowerment in the eighth subparagraph, decide to cover only part of the financial liability related to CDs and CCDs through the means referred to in the first subparagraph and the remaining part through other means. The Commission shall aim to limit the use of other means of coverage.

Where the assessment leads to the conclusion that other means of coverage are necessary to realise the full potential of the CDs and CCDs, the Commission shall aim for a balanced mix of other means of coverage. By way of derogation from Article 210(1) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, the Commission shall determine the extent of the use of other means of coverage pursuant to the delegated act provided for in the eighth subparagraph of this paragraph.

The remaining financial liability shall be sufficiently covered, having regard to the principles of Title X of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, if necessary, adapted to the specificities of CDs and CCDs, by way of derogation from Article 209(2), points (d) and (h), Article 210(1), Article 211(1), (2), (4) and (6), Articles 212, 213 and 214, Article 218(1) and Article 219(3) and (6) of that Regulation. Where applicable, other means of coverage, the provisioning rate and the necessary derogations shall be established in a delegated act provided for in the eighth subparagraph of this paragraph.

The Commission shall not use more than 30 % of the proceeds of the auctioning of allowances allocated to the Innovation Fund pursuant to paragraph 8 for provisioning for CDs and CCDs.

The provisioning rate shall be no lower than 50 % of the total financial liability borne by the Union budget for CDs and CCDs. When establishing the provisioning rate, the Commission shall take into account elements that may reduce the financial risks for the Union budget, beyond the appropriations available in the Innovation Fund, such as possible sharing of liability with Member States on a voluntary basis, or a possible re-insurance mechanism from the private sector. The Commission shall review the provisioning rate at least every three years from the date of application of the delegated act establishing it for the first time.

In order to avoid speculative applications, access to competitive bidding may be made conditional on the payment by applicants of a deposit to be forfeited in the event of non-fulfilment of the contract. Such forfeited deposits shall be used for the Innovation Fund as external assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046. Any contribution paid to the granting authority by a beneficiary in accordance with the terms of the CD or CCD where the reference price is higher than the strike price ('reflows') shall be used for the Innovation Fund as external assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(5) of that Regulation.

The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 23 of this Directive to supplement this Directive in order to provide for and detail other means of coverage, if any, and, where applicable, the provisioning rate and the necessary additional derogations from Title X of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 as set out in the fourth subparagraph of this paragraph, and the rules on the operation of the competitive bidding mechanism, in particular in relation to deposits and reflows.

The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 23 to amend the fifth subparagraph of this paragraph by raising the limit of 30 % referred to in that subparagraph by no more than a total of 20 percentage points where necessary to respond to a demand for CDs and CCDs, taking into account the experience of the first rounds of the competitive bidding mechanism and considering the need to find an appropriate balance in the support from the Innovation Fund between grants and such contracts.

Financial support from the Innovation Fund shall be proportionate to the policy objectives set out in this Article and shall not lead to undue distortions of the internal market. To this end, support shall only be granted to cover additional costs or investment risks that cannot be borne by investors under normal market conditions.

8b. 40 million allowances from the quantity which could otherwise be allocated for free pursuant to this Article, and 10 million allowances from the quantity which could otherwise be auctioned pursuant to Article 10 of this Directive shall be made available for the Social Climate Fund established by Regulation (EU) 2023/955 of the European Parliament and of the Council (¹). The Commission shall ensure that the allowances destined for the Social Climate Fund are auctioned in 2025 in accordance with the principles and modalities referred to in Article 10(4) of this Directive and the delegated act adopted in accordance with that Article. The revenues from that auctioning shall constitute external assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, and shall be used in accordance with the rules applicable to the Social Climate Fund.

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9. Greece, which had a gross domestic product (GDP) per capita at market prices below 60 % of the Union average in 2014, may claim, prior to the application of paragraph 7 of this Article, up to 25 million allowances from the maximum amount referred to in paragraph 5 of this Article which are not allocated for free by 31 December 2020, for the co-financing of up to 60 % of the decarbonisation of the electricity supply of islands within its territory. Article 10d(3) shall apply mutatis mutandis to such allowances. Allowances may be claimed where, due to restricted access to the international debt markets, a project aiming at the decarbonisation of the electricity supply of Greece's islands could otherwise not be realised and where the European Investment Bank (EIB) confirms the financial viability and socio-economic benefits of the project.

<sup>(1)</sup> Regulation (EU) 2023/955 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 May 2023 establishing a Social Climate Fund and amending Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 (OJ L 130, 16.5.2023, p. 1).

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11. Subject to Article 10b, the amount of allowances allocated free of charge under paragraphs 4 to 7 of this Article in 2013 shall be 80 % of the quantity determined in accordance with the measures referred to in paragraph 1. Thereafter the free allocation shall decrease each year by equal amounts resulting in 30 % free allocation in 2020 ► M9 — . ◀.

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19. No free allocation shall be given to an installation that has ceased operating. Installations for which the greenhouse gas emissions permit has expired or has been withdrawn and installations for which the operation or resumption of operation is technically impossible shall be considered to have ceased operations.

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- 20. The level of free allocations given to installations whose operations have increased or decreased, as assessed on the basis of a rolling average of two years, by more than 15 % compared to the level initially used to determine the free allocation for the relevant period referred to in Article 11(1) shall, as appropriate, be adjusted. Such adjustments shall be carried out with allowances from, or by adding allowances to, the amount of allowances set aside in accordance with paragraph 7 of this Article.
- 21. In order to ensure the effective, non-discriminatory and uniform application of the adjustments and threshold referred to in paragraph 20 of this Article, to avoid any undue administrative burden, and to prevent manipulation or abuse of the adjustments to the allocation, the Commission may adopt implementing acts which define further arrangements for the adjustments. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 22a(2).

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22. Where corrections to free allocations granted pursuant to Article 11(2) are necessary, such corrections shall be carried out with allowances from, or by adding allowances to, the amount of allowances set aside in accordance with paragraph 7 of this Article.

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#### Article 10b

# Transitional measures to support certain energy intensive industries in the event of carbon leakage

1. Sectors and subsectors in relation to which the product resulting from multiplying their intensity of trade with third countries, defined as the ratio between the total value of exports to third countries plus the value of imports from third countries and the total market size for the European Economic Area (annual turnover plus total imports from third countries), by their emission intensity, measured in kgCO<sub>2</sub>, divided by their gross value added (in euros), exceeds 0,2, shall be deemed to be at risk of carbon leakage. Such sectors and subsectors shall be allocated allowances free of charge for the period until 2030 at 100 % of the quantity determined pursuant to Article 10a.

- 2. Sectors and subsectors in relation to which the product resulting from multiplying their intensity of trade with third countries by their emission intensity exceeds 0,15 may be included in the group referred to in paragraph 1, using data for the years from 2014 to 2016, on the basis of a qualitative assessment and of the following criteria:
- (a) the extent to which it is possible for individual installations in the sector or subsector concerned to reduce emission levels or electricity consumption;
- (b) current and projected market characteristics, including, where relevant, any common reference price;
- (c) profit margins as a potential indicator of long-run investment or relocation decisions, taking into account changes in costs of production relating to emission reductions.
- 3. Sectors and subsectors that do not exceed the threshold referred to in paragraph 1, but have an emission intensity measured in  $kgCO_2$ , divided by their gross value added (in euros), which exceeds 1,5, shall also be assessed at a 4-digit level (NACE-4 code). The Commission shall make the results of that assessment public.

Within three months of the publication referred to in the first subparagraph, the sectors and subsectors referred to in that subparagraph may apply to the Commission for either a qualitative assessment of their carbon leakage exposure at a 4-digit level (NACE-4 code) or an assessment on the basis of the classification of goods used for statistics on industrial production in the Union at an 8-digit level (Prodcom). To that end, sectors and subsectors shall submit duly substantiated, complete and independently verified data to enable the Commission to carry out the assessment together with the application.

Where a sector or subsector chooses to be assessed at a 4-digit level (NACE-4 code), it may be included in the group referred to in paragraph 1 on the basis of the criteria referred to in points (a), (b) and (c) of paragraph 2. Where a sector or subsector chooses to be assessed at an 8-digit level (Prodcom), it shall be included in the group referred to in paragraph 1 provided that, at that level, the threshold of 0,2 referred to in paragraph 1 is exceeded.

Sectors and subsectors for which free allocation is calculated on the basis of the benchmark values referred to in the fourth subparagraph of Article 10a(2) may also request to be assessed in accordance with the third subparagraph of this paragraph.

By way of derogation from paragraphs 1 and 2, a Member State may request, by 30 June 2018, that a sector or subsector listed in the Annex to Commission Decision 2014/746/EU (¹) in respect of classifications at a 6-digit or an 8-digit level (Prodcom) be considered to be included in the group referred to in paragraph 1. Any such request shall only be considered where the requesting Member State establishes that the application of that derogation is justified on the basis of duly substantiated, complete, verified and audited data for the five most recent years provided by the sector or subsector concerned, and includes all relevant information with its request. On the basis of those data, the sector or subsector concerned shall be included in respect of those classifications where, within a heterogeneous 4-digit level (NACE-4 code), it is shown that it has a substantially higher trade and emission intensity at a 6-digit or an 8-digit level (Prodcom), exceeding the threshold set out in paragraph 1.

4. Other sectors and subsectors are considered to be able to pass on more of the costs of allowances in product prices, and shall be allocated allowances free of charge at 30 % of the quantity determined pursuant to Article 10a. Unless otherwise decided in the review pursuant to Article 30, free allocations to other sectors and subsectors, except district heating, shall decrease by equal amounts after 2026 so as to reach a level of no free allocation in 2030.

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In a Member State where, on average in the years from 2014 to 2018, its share of emissions from district heating of the Union total of such emissions, divided by that Member State's share of GDP of the Union's total GDP, is greater than five, an additional free allocation of 30 % of the quantity determined pursuant to Article 10a shall be given to district heating for the period from 2026 to 2030, provided that an investment volume equivalent to the value of that additional free allocation is invested to significantly reduce emissions before 2030 in accordance with climate-neutrality plans referred to in the third subparagraph of this paragraph and that the achievement of the targets and milestones referred to in point (b) of that subparagraph is confirmed by the verification carried out in accordance with the fourth subparagraph of this paragraph.

By 1 May 2024, operators of district heating shall establish a climateneutrality plan for the installations for which they apply for additional free allocation in accordance with the second subparagraph of this paragraph. That plan shall be consistent with the climate-neutrality objective set out in Article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1119 and shall set out:

 (a) measures and investments to reach climate neutrality by 2050 at installation or company level, excluding the use of carbon offset credits;

<sup>(</sup>¹) Commission Decision 2014/746/EU of 27 October 2014 determining, pursuant to Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, a list of sectors and subsectors which are deemed to be exposed to a significant risk of carbon leakage, for the period 2015 to 2019 (OJ L 308, 29.10.2014, p. 114).

- (b) intermediate targets and milestones to measure, by 31 December 2025 and by 31 December of each fifth year thereafter, progress made towards reaching climate neutrality as set out in point (a) of this subparagraph;
- (c) an estimate of the impact of each of the measures and investments referred to in point (a) of this subparagraph as regards the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

The achievement of the targets and milestones referred to in the third subparagraph, point (b), of this paragraph, shall be verified in respect of the period until 31 December 2025 and in respect of each period ending 31 December of each fifth year thereafter, in accordance with the verification and accreditation procedures provided for in Article 15. No free allowances beyond the amount referred to in the first subparagraph of this paragraph shall be allocated if the achievement of the intermediate targets and milestones has not been verified in respect of the period until the end of 2025 or in respect of the period from 2026 to 2030.

The Commission shall adopt implementing acts to specify the minimal content of the information referred to in the third subparagraph, points (a), (b) and (c), of this paragraph, and the format of the climateneutrality plans referred to in that subparagraph and in Article 10a(1), fifth subparagraph. The Commission shall seek synergies with similar plans as provided for in Union law. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 22a(2).

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5. The Commission is empowered to adopt, by 31 December 2019, delegated acts in accordance with Article 23 to supplement this Directive concerning the determination of sectors and subsectors deemed at risk of carbon leakage, as referred to in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this Article, for activities at a 4-digit level (NACE-4 code) as far as paragraph 1 of this Article is concerned, based on data for the three most recent calendar years available.

#### Article 10c

# Option for transitional free allocation for the modernisation of the energy sector

1. By way of derogation from Article 10a(1) to (5), Member States which had in 2013 a GDP per capita at market prices (in euros) below 60 % of the Union average may give a transitional free allocation to installations for electricity generation for the modernisation, diversification and sustainable transformation of the energy sector. The investments supported shall be consistent with the transition to a safe and sustainable low-carbon economy, the objectives of the Union's 2030 climate and energy policy framework, and reaching the long-term objectives expressed in the Paris Agreement. The derogation provided for in this paragraph shall end on 31 December 2030.

- 2. The Member State concerned shall organise a competitive bidding process, to take place in one or more rounds between 2021 and 2030, for projects involving a total amount of investment exceeding EUR 12,5 million, in order to select the investments to be financed with free allocation. That competitive bidding process shall:
- (a) comply with the principles of transparency, non-discrimination, equal treatment and sound financial management;
- (b) ensure that only projects which contribute to the diversification of their energy mix and sources of supply, the necessary restructuring, environmental upgrading and retrofitting of the infrastructure, clean technologies, such as renewable energy technologies, or modernisation of the energy production sector, such as efficient and sustainable district heating, and of the transmission and distribution sector, are eligible to bid;
- (c) define clear, objective, transparent and non-discriminatory selection criteria for the ranking of projects, so as to ensure that only projects are selected which:
  - (i) on the basis of a cost-benefit analysis, ensure a net positive gain in terms of emission reduction and realise a predetermined significant level of CO<sub>2</sub> reductions taking into account the size of the project;
  - (ii) are additional, clearly respond to replacement and modernisation needs and do not supply a market-driven increase in energy demand;
  - (iii) offer the best value for money; and
  - (iv) do not contribute to or improve the financial viability of highly emission-intensive electricity generation or increase dependency on emission-intensive fossil fuels.

By way of derogation from Article 10(1) and without prejudice to the last sentence of paragraph 1 of this Article, in the event that an investment selected through the competitive bidding process is cancelled or the intended performance is not reached, the earmarked allowances may be used through a single additional round of the competitive bidding process at the earliest one year thereafter to finance other investments.

By 30 June 2019, any Member State intending to make use of optional transitional free allocation for the modernisation of the energy sector shall publish a detailed national framework setting out the competitive bidding process, including the planned number of rounds referred to in the first subparagraph, and the selection criteria, for public comment.

Where investments with a value of less than EUR 12,5 million are to be supported with free allocation and are not selected through the competitive bidding process referred to in this paragraph, the Member State shall select projects based on objective and transparent criteria. The results of this selection process shall be published for public comment. On this basis, the Member State concerned shall, by 30 June 2019, establish, publish and submit to the Commission a list of investments. Where more than one investment is carried out within the same installation, they shall be assessed as a whole to establish whether or not the value threshold of EUR 12,5 million is exceeded, unless those investments are, independently, technically or financially viable.

- 3. The value of the intended investments shall at least equal the market value of the free allocation, while taking into account the need to limit directly linked price increases. The market value shall be the average of the price of allowances on the common auction platform in the preceding calendar year. Up to 70 % of the relevant costs of an investment may be supported using the free allocation, provided that the remaining costs are financed by private legal entities.
- 4. Transitional free allocations shall be deducted from the quantity of allowances that the Member State would otherwise auction. The total free allocation shall be no more than 40 % of the allowances which the Member State concerned will receive, pursuant to Article 10(2)(a), in the period from 2021 to 2030, spread out in equal annual volumes over that period.
- 5. Where a Member State, pursuant to Article 10d(4), uses allowances distributed for the purposes of solidarity, growth and interconnections within the Union in accordance with Article 10(2)(b), that Member State may, by way of derogation from paragraph 4 of this Article, use for transitional free allocation a total quantity of up to 60% of the allowances received in the period from 2021 to 2030 pursuant to Article 10(2)(a), using a corresponding amount of the allowances distributed in accordance with Article 10(2)(b).

Any allowances not allocated under this Article by 2020 may be allocated over the period from 2021 to 2030 to investments selected through the competitive bidding process referred to in paragraph 2, unless the Member State concerned informs the Commission by 30 September 2019 of its intention not to allocate some or all of those allowances over the period from 2021 to 2030, and of the amount of allowances to be auctioned instead in 2020. Where such allowances are allocated over the period from 2021 to 2030, a corresponding amount of allowances shall be taken into account for the application of the 60 % limit set out in the first subparagraph of this paragraph.

6. Allocations to operators shall be made upon demonstration that an investment selected in accordance with the rules of the competitive bidding process has been carried out. Where an investment leads to additional electricity generation capacity, the operator concerned shall also demonstrate that a corresponding amount of electricity-generation capacity with higher emission intensity has been decommissioned by it or another associated operator by the start of operation of the additional capacity.

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7. Member States shall require benefiting electricity generating installations and network operators to report, by 28 February of each year, on the implementation of their selected investments, including the balance of free allocation and investment expenditure incurred and the types of investments supported. Member States shall report on this to the Commission, and the Commission shall make such reports public.

#### Article 10ca

# Earlier deadline for transitional free allocation for the modernisation of the energy sector

By way of derogation from Article 10c, the Member States concerned may only give transitional free allocation to installations in accordance with that Article for investments carried out until 31 December 2024. Any allowances available to the Member States concerned in accordance with Article 10c for the period from 2021 to 2030 that are not used for such investments shall, in the proportion determined by the respective Member State:

- (a) be added to the total quantity of allowances that the Member State concerned is to auction pursuant to Article 10(2); or
- (b) be used to support investments within the framework of the Modernisation Fund referred to in Article 10d, in accordance with the rules applicable to the revenue from allowances referred to in Article 10d(4).

By 15 May 2024, the Member State concerned shall notify the Commission of the respective amounts of allowances to be used under Article 10(2), first subparagraph, point (a), and, by way of derogation from Article 10d(4), second sentence, under Article 10d.

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#### Article 10d

#### **Modernisation Fund**

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1. A fund to support investments proposed by the beneficiary Member States, including the financing of small-scale investment projects, to modernise energy systems and improve energy efficiency shall be established for the period from 2021 to 2030 (the 'Modernisation Fund'). The Modernisation Fund shall be financed through the auctioning of allowances as set out in Article 10, for the beneficiary Member States set out therein.

The investments supported shall be consistent with the aims of this Directive, as well as the objectives of the communication of the Commission of 11 December 2019 on 'The European Green Deal' and Regulation (EU) 2021/1119 and the long-term objectives as expressed in the Paris Agreement. The beneficiary Member States may, where appropriate, use the resources of the Modernisation Fund to finance investments involving the adjacent Union border regions. No support from the Modernisation Fund shall be provided to energy generation facilities that use fossil fuels. However, revenue from allowances covered by a notification pursuant to paragraph 4 of this Article may be used for investments involving gaseous fossil fuels.

Furthermore, revenue from allowances referred to in Article 10(1), third subparagraph, of this Directive may, where the activity qualifies as environmentally sustainable under Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of the European Parliament and of the Council (¹) and is duly justified for reasons of ensuring energy security, be used for investments involving gaseous fossil fuels provided that, for energy generation, the allowances are auctioned before 31 December 2027 and, for investments involving downstream uses of gas, the allowances are auctioned before 31 December 2028.

- 2. At least 80 % of the revenue from allowances referred to in Article 10(1), third subparagraph, and from allowances covered by a notification pursuant to paragraph 4 of this Article, and at least 90 % of the revenue from allowances referred to in Article 10(1), fourth subparagraph, shall be used to support investments in the following:
- (a) the generation and use of electricity from renewable sources, including renewable hydrogen;
- (b) heating and cooling from renewable sources;
- (c) the reduction of overall energy use through energy efficiency, including in industry, transport, buildings, agriculture and waste;
- (d) energy storage and the modernisation of energy networks, including demand-side management, district heating pipelines, grids for electricity transmission, the increase of interconnections between Member States and infrastructure for zero-emission mobility;
- (e) support for low-income households, including in rural and remote areas, to address energy poverty and to modernise their heating systems; and

<sup>(</sup>¹) Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2020 on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment, and amending Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 (OJ L 198, 22.6.2020, p. 13).

(f) a just transition in carbon-dependent regions in the beneficiary Member States, so as to support the redeployment, reskilling and up-skilling of workers, education, job-seeking initiatives and start-ups, in dialogue with civil society and social partners, in a manner that is consistent with and contributes to the relevant actions included by the Member States in their territorial just transition plans in accordance with Article 8(2), first subparagraph, point (k), of Regulation (EU) 2021/1056, where relevant.

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- 3. The Modernisation Fund shall operate under the responsibility of the beneficiary Member States. The EIB shall ensure that the allowances are auctioned in accordance with the principles and modalities laid down in Article 10(4), and shall be responsible for managing the revenues. The EIB shall pass on the revenues to the Member States upon a disbursement decision from the Commission, where this disbursement for investments is in line with paragraph 2 of this Article or, where the investments do not fall into the areas listed in paragraph 2 of this Article, is in line with the recommendations of the investment committee. The Commission shall adopt its decision in a timely manner. The revenues shall be distributed amongst the Member States and according to the shares set out in Annex IIb, in accordance with paragraphs 6 to 12 of this Article.
- 4. Any Member State concerned may use the total free allocation granted pursuant to Article 10c(4), or part of that allocation, and the amount of allowances distributed for the purposes of solidarity, growth and interconnections within the Union in accordance with Article 10(2)(b), or part of that amount, in accordance with Article 10d, to support investments within the framework of the Modernisation Fund, thereby increasing the resources distributed to that Member State. By 30 September 2019, the Member State concerned shall notify the Commission of the respective amounts of allowances to be used under Article 10(2)(b), Article 10c and Article 10d.
- 5. An investment committee for the Modernisation Fund is hereby established. The investment committee shall be composed of a representative from each beneficiary Member State, the Commission and the EIB, and three representatives elected by the other Member States for a period of five years. It shall be chaired by the representative of the Commission. One representative of each Member State that is not a member of the investment committee may attend meetings of the committee as an observer.

The investment committee shall operate in a transparent manner. The composition of the investment committee and the curricula vitae and declarations of interests of its members shall be made available to the public and, where necessary, updated.

6. Before a beneficiary Member State decides to finance an investment from its share in the Modernisation Fund, it shall present the investment project to the investment committee and to the EIB. Where the EIB confirms that an investment falls into the areas listed in paragraph 2, the Member State may proceed to finance the investment project from its share.

Where an investment in the modernisation of energy systems, which is proposed to be financed from the Modernisation Fund, does not fall into the areas listed in paragraph 2, the investment committee shall assess the technical and financial viability of that investment, including the emission reductions it achieves, and issue a recommendation on financing the investment from the Modernisation Fund. The investment committee shall ensure that any investment relating to district heating achieves a substantial improvement in energy efficiency and emission reductions. That recommendation may include suggestions regarding appropriate financing instruments. Up to 70 % of the relevant costs of an investment which does not fall into the areas listed in paragraph 2 may be supported with resources from the Modernisation Fund provided that the remaining costs are financed by private legal entities.

7. The investment committee shall strive to adopt its recommendations by consensus. If the investment committee is not able to decide by consensus within a deadline set by the chairman, it shall take a decision by simple majority.

If the representative of the EIB does not endorse financing an investment, a recommendation shall only be adopted if a majority of two-thirds of all members vote in favour. The representative of the Member State in which the investment is to take place and the representative of the EIB shall not be entitled to cast a vote in this case. This subparagraph shall not apply to small-scale projects funded through loans provided by a national promotional bank or through grants contributing to the implementation of a national programme serving specific objectives in line with the objectives of the Modernisation Fund, provided that not more than 10 % of the Member States' share set out in Annex IIb is used under the programme.

- 8. Any acts or recommendations by the EIB or the investment committee made pursuant to paragraphs 6 and 7 shall be made in a timely manner and state the reasons on which they are based. Such acts and recommendations shall be made public.
- 9. The beneficiary Member States shall be responsible for following up on the implementation with respect to selected projects.
- 10. The beneficiary Member States shall report annually to the Commission on investments financed by the Modernisation Fund. The report shall be made public and include:
- (a) information on the investments financed per beneficiary Member State;
- (b) an assessment of the added value, in terms of energy efficiency or modernisation of the energy system, achieved through the investment.

11. The investment committee shall report annually to the Commission on experience with the evaluation of investments, in particular in terms of emission reductions and abatement costs. By 31 December 2024, taking into consideration the findings of the investment committee, the Commission shall review the areas for projects referred to in paragraph 2 and the basis on which the investment committee makes its recommendations.

The investment committee shall arrange for the publication of the annual report. The Commission shall provide the annual report to the European Parliament and to the Council.

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12. The Commission shall adopt implementing acts concerning detailed rules on the operation of the Modernisation Fund. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 22a(2).

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#### Article 10e

#### Recovery and Resilience Facility

- 1. As an extraordinary and one-time measure, until 31 August 2026, the allowances auctioned pursuant to paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Article shall be auctioned until the total amount of revenue obtained from such auctioning has reached EUR 20 billion. That revenue shall be made available to the Recovery and Resilience Facility established by Regulation (EU) 2021/241 of the Parliament and of the Council (¹) and shall be implemented in accordance with the provisions of that Regulation.
- 2. By way of derogation from Article 10a(8), until 31 August 2026, a part of the allowances referred to in that paragraph shall be auctioned to support the objectives set out in Article 21c(3), points (b) to (f), of Regulation (EU) 2021/241, until the amount of revenue obtained from such auctioning has reached EUR 12 billion.
- 3. Until 31 August 2026, a number of allowances from the quantity which would otherwise be auctioned from 1 January 2027 to 31 December 2030 by the Member States under Article 10(2), point (a), shall be auctioned to support the objectives set out in Article 21c(3), points (b) to (f), of Regulation (EU) 2021/241 until the amount of revenue obtained from such auctioning has reached EUR 8 billion. Those allowances shall, in principle, be auctioned in equal annual volumes over the relevant period.
- 4. By way of derogation from Article 1(5a) of Decision (EU) 2015/1814, until 31 December 2030, 27 million unallocated allowances in the market stability reserve from the total quantity which would otherwise be invalidated over that period shall be used to support innovation, as referred to in Article 10a(8), first subparagraph, of this Directive.

Regulation (EU) 2021/241 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 February 2021 establishing a Recovery and Resilience Facility (OJ L 57, 18.2.2021, p. 17).

- 5. The Commission shall ensure that the allowances to be auctioned under paragraphs 2 and 3, including, where appropriate, for prefinancing payments in accordance with Article 21d of Regulation (EU) 2021/241, are auctioned in accordance with the principles and modalities laid down in Article 10(4) of this Directive and in accordance with Article 24 of Commission Regulation (EU) No 1031/2010 (¹) to ensure an adequate amount of innovation fund resources in the period from 2023 to 2026. The period for auctioning referred to in this Article shall be reviewed one year after its start in the light of the impact of the auctioning provided for in this Article on the carbon market and price.
- 6. The EIB shall be the auctioneer for the allowances to be auctioned pursuant to this Article on the auction platform appointed pursuant to Article 26(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1031/2010 and shall provide the revenues generated from the auctioning to the Commission.
- 7. The revenues generated from the auctioning of allowances shall constitute external assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council (2).

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#### Article 10f

#### 'Do no significant harm' principle

From 1 January 2025, the beneficiary Member States and the Commission shall use the revenues generated from the auctioning of allowances destined for the Innovation Fund pursuant to Article 10a(8) of this Directive, and of the allowances referred to in Article 10(1), third and fourth subparagraphs, of this Directive in accordance with the 'do no significant harm' criteria set out in Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852, where such revenues are used for an economic activity for which technical screening criteria for determining whether an economic activity causes significant harm to one or more of the relevant environmental objectives have been established pursuant to Article 10(3), point (b), of that Regulation.

<sup>(</sup>¹) Commission Regulation (EU) No 1031/2010 of 12 November 2010 on the timing, administration and other aspects of auctioning of greenhouse gas emission allowances pursuant to Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a system for greenhouse gas emission allowances trading within the Union (OJ L 302, 18.11.2010, p. 1).

<sup>(2)</sup> Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1).

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#### Article 11

# National implementation measures

1. Each Member State shall publish and submit to the Commission, by 30 September 2011, the list of installations covered by this Directive in its territory and any free allocation to each installation in its territory calculated in accordance with the rules referred to in Article 10a(1) and Article 10c.

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A list of installations covered by this Directive for the five years beginning on 1 January 2021 shall be submitted by 30 September 2019, and lists for each subsequent period of five years shall be submitted every five years thereafter. Each list shall include information on production activity, transfers of heat and gases, electricity production and emissions at sub-installation level over the five calendar years preceding its submission. Free allocations shall only be given to installations where such information is provided.

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- 2. By ►M15 30 June ◀ of each year, the competent authorities shall issue the quantity of allowances that are to be allocated for that year, calculated in accordance with Articles 10, 10a and 10c.
- 3. Member States may not issue allowances free of charge under paragraph 2 to installations whose inscription in the list referred to in paragraph 1 has been rejected by the Commission.

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# CHAPTER IV

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PROVISIONS APPLYING TO AVIATION, MARITIME TRANSPORT AND STATIONARY INSTALLATIONS

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# Article 11a

Use of CERs and ERUs from project activities in the ►M9 EU ETS ■ before the entry into force of an international agreement on climate change

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- 1. Subject to paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Article, aircraft operators that hold an air operator certificate issued by a Member State or are registered in a Member State, including in the outermost regions, dependencies and territories of that Member State, shall be able to use the following units to comply with their obligations to cancel units in respect of the quantity notified pursuant to Article 12(6) as laid down in Article 12(9):
- (a) credits authorised by parties participating in the mechanism established under Article 6(4) of the Paris Agreement;

- (b) credits authorised by the parties participating in crediting programmes which have been considered eligible by the ICAO Council as identified in the implementing act adopted pursuant to paragraph 8;
- (c) credits authorised by parties to agreements pursuant to paragraph 5;
- (d) credits issued in respect of Union level projects pursuant to Article 24a.
- 2. Units referred to in paragraph 1, points (a) and (b), may be used if the following conditions have been met:
- (a) they originate from a State that is a Party to the Paris Agreement at the time of use;
- (b) they originate from a State that is listed in the implementing act adopted pursuant to Article 25a(3) as participating in ICAO's Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA). This condition shall not apply in respect of emissions released before 2027, nor shall it apply in respect of least developed countries or small island developing States, as defined by the United Nations, except for those States whose GDP per capita equals or exceeds the Union average.
- 3. Units referred to in paragraph 1, points (a), (b) and (c), may be used if arrangements are in place for authorisation by the participating parties, timely adjustments are made to the reporting of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks covered by the nationally determined contributions of the participating parties, and double counting and a net increase in global emissions are avoided.

The Commission shall adopt implementing acts laying down detailed requirements for the arrangements referred to in the first subparagraph of this paragraph, which may include reporting and registry requirements, and for listing the States or programmes which apply those arrangements. Those arrangements shall take account of flexibilities accorded to least developed countries and small island developing States in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Article. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 22a(2).

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5. To the extent that the levels of CER and ERU use, allowed to operators or aircraft operators by Member States for the period from 2008 to 2012, have not been used up or an entitlement to use credits is granted under paragraph 8 and in the event that the negotiations on an international agreement on climate change are not concluded by 31 December 2009, credits from projects or other emission reducing activities may be used in the ▶M9 EU ETS ◀ in accordance with agreements concluded with third countries, specifying levels of use. In accordance with such agreements, operators shall be able to use credits from project activities in those third countries to comply with their obligations under the ▶M9 EU ETS ◀.

- 6. Any agreements referred to in paragraph 5 shall provide for the use of credits in the  $\blacktriangleright \underline{M9}$  EU ETS  $\blacktriangleleft$  from project types which were eligible for use in the  $\blacktriangleright \underline{M9}$  EU ETS  $\blacktriangleleft$  during the period from 2008 to 2012, including renewable energy or energy efficiency technologies which promote technological transfer and sustainable development. Any such agreement may also provide for the use of credits from projects where the baseline used is below the level of free allocation under the measures referred to in Article 10a or below the levels required by  $\blacktriangleright \underline{M9}$  Union  $\blacktriangleleft$  legislation.
- 7. Once an international agreement on climate change has been reached, only credits from projects from third countries which have ratified that agreement shall be accepted in the ►M9 EU ETS ◀ from 1 January 2013.

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8. The Commission shall adopt implementing acts listing units which have been considered eligible by the ICAO Council and that fulfil the conditions set out in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Article. The Commission shall also adopt implementing acts to update that list, as appropriate. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 22a(2).

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# Article 11b

#### **Project activities**

1. Member States shall take all necessary measures to ensure that baselines for project activities, as defined by subsequent decisions adopted under the UNFCCC or the Kyoto Protocol, undertaken in countries having signed a Treaty of Accession with the Union fully comply with the *acquis communautaire*, including the temporary derogations set out in that Treaty of Accession.

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The ightharpoonup M9 Union ightharpoonup and its Member States shall only authorise project activities where all project participants have headquarters either in a country that has concluded the international agreement relating to such projects or in a country or sub-federal or regional entity which is linked to the ightharpoonup M9 EU ETS ightharpoonup pursuant to Article 25.

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- 2. Except as provided for in paragraphs 3 and 4, Member States hosting project activities shall ensure that no ERUs or CERs are issued for reductions or limitations of greenhouse gas emissions from ▶ M2 activities ◀ falling within the scope of this Directive.
- 3. Until 31 December 2012, for JI and CDM project activities which reduce or limit directly the emissions of an installation falling within the scope of this Directive, ERUs and CERs may be issued only if an equal number of allowances is cancelled by the operator of that installation.

- 4. Until 31 December 2012, for JI and CDM project activities which reduce or limit indirectly the emission level of installations falling within the scope of this Directive, ERUs and CERs may be issued only if an equal number of allowances is cancelled from the national registry of the Member State of the ERUs' or CERs' origin.
- 5. A Member State that authorises private or public entities to participate in project activities shall remain responsible for the fulfilment of its obligations under the UNFCCC and the Kyoto Protocol and shall ensure that such participation is consistent with the relevant guidelines, modalities and procedures adopted pursuant to the UNFCCC or the Kyoto Protocol.
- 6. In the case of hydroelectric power production project activities with a generating capacity exceeding 20 MW, Member States shall, when approving such project activities, ensure that relevant international criteria and guidelines, including those contained in the World Commission on Dams November 2000 Report 'Dams and Development A New Framework for Decision-Making', will be respected during the development of such project activities.

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#### Article 12

# Transfer, surrender and cancellation of allowances

- 1. Member States shall ensure that allowances can be transferred between:
- (a) persons within the ►<u>M9</u> Union **◄**;
- (b) persons within the ►<u>M9</u> Union ◀ and persons in third countries, where such allowances are recognised in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 25 without restrictions other than those contained in, or adopted pursuant to, this Directive.

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1a. The Commission shall, by 31 December 2010, examine whether the market for emissions allowances is sufficiently protected from insider dealing or market manipulation and, if appropriate, shall bring forward proposals to ensure such protection. The relevant provisions of Directive 2003/6/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2003 on insider dealing and market manipulation (market abuse) (1) may be used with any appropriate adjustments needed to apply them to trade in commodities.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 96, 12.4.2003, p. 16.

2. Member States shall ensure that allowances issued by a competent authority of another Member State are recognised for the purpose of meeting an operator's, an aircraft operator's or a shipping company's obligations under paragraph 3.

- 3. The Member States, administering Member States and administering authorities in respect of a shipping company shall ensure that, by 30 September each year:
- (a) the operator of each installation surrenders a number of allowances that is equal to the total emissions from that installation during the preceding calendar year, as verified in accordance with Article 15;
- (b) each aircraft operator surrenders a number of allowances that is equal to its total emissions during the preceding calendar year, as verified in accordance with Article 15;
- (c) each shipping company surrenders a number of allowances that is equal to its total emissions during the preceding calendar year, as verified in accordance with Article 3ge.

Member States, administering Member States and administering authorities in respect of a shipping company shall ensure that allowances surrendered in accordance with the first subparagraph are subsequently cancelled.

3-e. By way of derogation from paragraph 3, first subparagraph, point (c), shipping companies may surrender 5 % fewer allowances than their verified emissions released until 31 December 2030 from ice-class ships, provided that such ships have the ice class IA or IA Super or an equivalent ice class, established based on HELCOM Recommendation 25/7.

Where fewer allowances are surrendered compared to the verified emissions, once the difference between verified emissions and allowances surrendered has been established in respect of each year, an amount of allowances corresponding to that difference shall be cancelled rather than auctioned pursuant to Article 10.

3-d. By way of derogation from paragraph 3, first subparagraph, point (c), of this Article and Article 16, the Commission shall, at the request of a Member State, provide by means of an implementing act that Member States are to consider the requirements set out in those provisions to be satisfied and that they are to take no action against shipping companies in respect of emissions released until 31 December 2030 from voyages performed by passenger ships, other than cruise passenger ships, and by ro-pax ships, between a port of an island under the jurisdiction of that requesting Member State, with no road or rail link with the mainland and with a population of fewer than 200 000 permanent residents according to the latest best data available in 2022, and a port under the jurisdiction of that same Member State, and from the activities, within a port, of such ships in relation to such voyages.

The Commission shall publish a list of the islands referred to in the first subparagraph and the ports concerned and keep that list up to date.

- 3-c. By way of derogation from paragraph 3, first subparagraph, point (c), of this Article and Article 16, the Commission shall, at the joint request of two Member States, one of which having no land border with another Member State and the other Member State being the geographically closest Member State to the Member State without such a land border, provide by means of an implementing act that Member States are to consider the requirements set out in those provisions to be satisfied and that they are to take no action against shipping companies in respect of emissions released until 31 December 2030 from voyages performed by passenger or ro-pax ships in the framework of a transnational public service contract or a transnational public service obligation, set out in the joint request, connecting the two Member States, and from the activities, within a port, of such ships in relation to such voyages.
- 3-b. An obligation to surrender allowances shall not arise in respect of emissions released until 31 December 2030 from voyages between a port located in an outermost region of a Member State and a port located in the same Member State, including voyages between ports within an outermost region and voyages between ports in the outermost regions of the same Member State, and from the activities, within a port, of such ships in relation to such voyages.
- 3-a. Where necessary, and for as long as is necessary, in order to protect the environmental integrity of the EU ETS, operators, aircraft operators, and shipping companies in the EU ETS shall be prohibited from using allowances that are issued by a Member State in respect of which there are obligations lapsing for operators, aircraft operators, and shipping companies. The delegated acts referred to in Article 19(3) shall include the measures necessary in the cases referred to in this paragraph.

### **▼** M4

3a. An obligation to surrender allowances shall not arise in respect of emissions verified as captured and transported for permanent storage to a facility for which a permit is in force in accordance with Directive 2009/31/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009 on the geological storage of carbon dioxide (1).

# **▼**M15

3b. An obligation to surrender allowances shall not arise in respect of emissions of greenhouse gases which are considered to have been captured and utilised in such a way that they have become permanently chemically bound in a product so that they do not enter the atmosphere under normal use, including any normal activity taking place after the end of the life of the product.

The Commission shall adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 23 to supplement this Directive concerning the requirements for considering that greenhouse gases have become permanently chemically bound as referred to in the first subparagraph of this paragraph.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 140, 5.6.2009, p. 114.

4. Member States shall take the necessary steps to ensure that allowances are cancelled at any time at the request of the person holding them. In the event of closure of electricity generation capacity in their territory due to additional national measures, Member States may cancel allowances, and are strongly encouraged to do so, from the total quantity of allowances to be auctioned by them referred to in Article 10(2) up to an amount corresponding to the average verified emissions of the installation concerned over a period of five years preceding the closure. The Member State concerned shall inform the Commission of such intended cancellation, or of the reasons for not cancelling, in accordance with the delegated acts adopted pursuant to Article 10(4).

#### **▼** M4

5. Paragraphs 1 and 2 apply without prejudice to Article 10c.

#### **▼**M14

6. In accordance with the methodology set out in the implementing act referred to in paragraph 8 of this Article, Member States shall calculate the offsetting requirements each year for the preceding calendar year in respect of flights to, from and between States that are listed in the implementing act adopted pursuant to Article 25a(3), and in respect of flights between Switzerland or the United Kingdom and States that are listed in the implementing act adopted pursuant to Article 25a(3), and by 30 November each year inform the aircraft operators.

In accordance with the methodology set out in the implementing act referred to in paragraph 8 of this Article, Member States shall also calculate the total final offsetting requirements for a given CORSIA compliance period and, by 30 November of the year following the last year of the relevant CORSIA compliance period, inform aircraft operators that fulfil the conditions set out in the third subparagraph of this paragraph of those requirements.

Member States shall inform aircraft operators that fulfil all of the following conditions of the level of offsetting:

- (a) the aircraft operators hold an air operator certificate issued by a Member State or are registered in a Member State, including in the outermost regions, dependencies and territories of that Member State; and
- (b) they produce annual CO<sub>2</sub> emissions greater than 10 000 tonnes from the use of aeroplanes with a maximum certified take-off mass greater than 5 700 kg conducting flights covered by Annex I, other than those departing and arriving in the same Member State, including outermost regions of the same Member State, from 1 January 2021.

For the purposes of the first subparagraph, point (b), CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the following types of flights shall not be taken into account:

- (i) State flights;
- (ii) humanitarian flights;
- (iii) medical flights;
- (iv) military flights;
- (v) firefighting flights;
- (vi) flights preceding or following a humanitarian, medical or firefighting flight provided that such flights were conducted with the same aircraft and were required to accomplish the related humanitarian, medical or firefighting activities or to reposition the aircraft after those activities for its next activity.

# **▼**M12

7. Pending a legislative act amending this Directive as regards the contribution of aviation to the Union's economy-wide emission reduction target and appropriately implementing a global market-based measure, and in the event that the period for the transposition of such a legislative act has not expired by 30 November 2023, and the Sector Growth Factor (SGF) for 2022 emissions, to be published by ICAO, equals zero, Member States shall, by 30 November 2023, notify aircraft operators that, in respect of the year 2022, their offsetting requirements within the meaning of paragraph 3.2.1 of ICAO's CORSIA SARPs amount to zero.

# **▼**M14

8. The calculation of offsetting requirements referred to in paragraph 6 of this Article for the purposes of CORSIA shall be made in accordance with a methodology to be specified by the Commission in respect of flights to, from and between States that are listed in the implementing act adopted pursuant to Article 25a(3), and of flights between Switzerland or the United Kingdom and States that are listed in the implementing act adopted pursuant to Article 25a(3).

The Commission shall adopt implementing acts specifying the methodology for the calculation of offsetting requirements for aircraft operators referred to in the first subparagraph of this paragraph.

Those implementing acts shall in particular detail further the application of the requirements following from the relevant provisions of this Directive, in particular Articles 3c, 11a, 12 and 25a, and, to the extent possible in light of the relevant provisions of this Directive, from the International Standards and Recommended Practices on Environmental Protection for CORSIA (CORSIA SARPs).

Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 22a(2). The first such implementing act shall be adopted by 30 June 2024.

9. Aircraft operators that hold an air operator certificate issued by a Member State or are registered in a Member State, including in the outermost regions, dependencies and territories of that Member State, shall cancel units referred to in Article 11a only in respect of the quantity notified by that Member State, in accordance with paragraph 6, in respect of the relevant CORSIA compliance period. The cancellation shall take place by 31 January 2025 for emissions in the period 2021 to 2023 and by 31 January 2028 for emissions in the period 2024 to 2026.

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#### Article 13

#### Validity of allowances

Allowances issued from 1 January 2013 onwards shall be valid indefinitely. Allowances issued from 1 January 2021 onwards shall include an indication showing in which ten-year period beginning from 1 January 2021 they were issued, and be valid for emissions from the first year of that period onwards.

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# Article 14

#### Monitoring and reporting of emissions

#### **▼** M9

►M15 The Commission shall adopt implementing acts concerning the detailed arrangements for the monitoring and reporting of emissions and, where relevant, activity data, from the activities listed in Annex I to this Directive, and non-CO2 aviation effects on routes for which emissions are reported under this Directive, which shall be based on the principles for monitoring and reporting set out in Annex IV to this Directive and the requirements set out in paragraphs 2 and 5 of this Article. Those implementing acts shall also specify the global warming potential of each greenhouse gas and take into account up-to-date scientific knowledge on the effects of non-CO2 aviation emissions in the requirements for monitoring and reporting of emissions and their effects, including non-CO<sub>2</sub> aviation effects. Those implementing acts shall provide for the application of the sustainability and greenhouse gas emission-saving criteria for the use of biomass established by Directive (EU) 2018/2001, with any necessary adjustments for application under this Directive, in order for such biomass to be zero-rated. They shall specify how to account for storage of emissions from a mix of zero-rated sources and sources that are not zero-rated. They shall also specify how to account for emissions from renewable fuels of nonbiological origin and recycled carbon fuels, ensuring that such emissions are accounted for and that double counting is avoided.

Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 22a(2).

# **▼** M4

2. The  $ightharpoonup \underline{M9}$  acts ightharpoonup referred to in paragraph 1 shall take into account the most accurate and up-to-date scientific evidence available, in particular from the IPCC, and may also specify requirements for operators to report on emissions associated with the production of goods produced by energy intensive industries which may be subject to international competition. These  $ightharpoonup \underline{M9}$  acts ightharpoonup may also specify requirements for this information to be verified independently.

Those requirements may include reporting on levels of emissions from electricity generation covered by the  $\blacktriangleright \underline{M9}$  EU ETS  $\blacktriangleleft$  associated with the production of such goods.

- 3. Member States shall ensure that each operator of an installation or an aircraft operator monitors and reports the emissions from that installation during each calendar year, or, from 1 January 2010, the aircraft which it operates, to the competent authority after the end of that year in accordance with the  $\blacktriangleright$  M9 acts  $\blacktriangleleft$  referred to in paragraph 1.
- 4. The  $\searrow \underline{M9}$  acts  $\checkmark$  referred to in paragraph 1 may include requirements on the use of automated systems and data exchange formats to harmonise communication on the monitoring plan, the annual emission report and the verification activities between the operator, the verifier and competent authorities.

# **▼** M14

5. Aircraft operators shall report once a year on the non-CO<sub>2</sub> aviation effects occurring from 1 January 2025. For that purpose, the Commission shall adopt by 31 August 2024 an implementing act pursuant to paragraph 1 in order to include non-CO<sub>2</sub> aviation effects in a monitoring, reporting and verification framework. That monitoring, reporting and verification framework shall contain, at a minimum, the three-dimensional aircraft trajectory data available, and ambient humidity and temperature to enable a CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent per flight to be produced. The Commission shall ensure, subject to available resources, that tools are available to facilitate and, to the extent possible, automatise monitoring, reporting and verification in order to minimise any administrative burden.

From 1 January 2025, Member States shall ensure that each aircraft operator monitors and reports the non-CO<sub>2</sub> effects from each aircraft that it operates during each calendar year to the competent authority after the end of each year in accordance with the implementing acts referred to in paragraph 1.

The Commission shall submit annually from 2026, as part of the report referred to in Article 10(5), a report on the results from the application of the monitoring, reporting and verification framework referred to in the first subparagraph of this paragraph.

By 31 December 2027, based on the results from the application of the monitoring, reporting and verification framework for non-CO<sub>2</sub> aviation effects, the Commission shall submit a report and, where appropriate and after having first carried out an impact assessment, a legislative proposal to mitigate non-CO<sub>2</sub> aviation effects by expanding the scope of the EU ETS to include non-CO<sub>2</sub> aviation effects.

- 6. The Commission shall publish, at least, the following aggregated annual emissions related data from aviation activities reported to Member States or transmitted to the Commission in accordance with Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/2066 (¹) and Article 7 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/1603 (²), at the latest three months after the respective reporting deadline and in a user-friendly manner:
- (a) per aerodrome pair within the EEA:
  - (i) emissions from all flights;
  - (ii) total number of flights;
  - (iii) total number of passengers;
  - (iv) types of aircraft;
- (b) per aircraft operator:
  - (i) data on emissions from flights within the EEA, from flights departing from the EEA, flights arriving in the EEA and flights between two third countries, broken down by State pair, and data on emissions subject to the obligation to cancel CORSIA eligible emission units;
  - (ii) the amount of offsetting requirements, calculated in accordance with Article 12(8);

<sup>(</sup>¹) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/2066 of 19 December 2018 on the monitoring and reporting of greenhouse gas emissions pursuant to Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Regulation (EU) No 601/2012 (OJ L 334, 31.12.2018, p. 1).

<sup>(2)</sup> Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/1603 of 18 July 2019 supplementing Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards measures adopted by the International Civil Aviation Organisation for the monitoring, reporting and verification of aviation emissions for the purpose of implementing a global market-based measure (OJ L 250, 30.9.2019, p. 10).

- (iii) the amount and type of credits pursuant to Article 11a used to comply with the aircraft operator's offsetting requirements referred to in point (ii) of this point;
- (iv) the amount and type of fuels used for which the emission factor is zero under this Directive or which entitle the aircraft operator to receive allowances pursuant to Article 3c(6).

For points (a) and (b) of the first subparagraph, in specific circumstances where an aircraft operator operates on a very limited number of aerodrome pairs or on a very limited number of State pairs that are subject to offsetting requirements or on a very limited number of State pairs that are not subject to offsetting requirements, that aircraft operator may request the administering Member State not to publish such data at the aircraft operator level, explaining why disclosure would be considered to harm its commercial interests. Based on that request, the administering Member State may request the Commission to publish those data at a higher level of aggregation. The Commission shall decide on the request.

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Article 15

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#### Verification and accreditation

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Member States shall ensure that the reports submitted by operators and aircraft operators pursuant to Article 14(3) are verified in accordance with the criteria set out in Annex V and any detailed provisions adopted by the Commission in accordance with this Article, and that the competent authority is informed thereof.

Member States shall ensure that an operator or aircraft operator whose report has not been verified as satisfactory in accordance with the criteria set out in Annex V and any detailed provisions adopted by the Commission in accordance with this Article by 31 March each year for emissions during the preceding year cannot make further transfers of allowances until a report from that operator or aircraft operator has been verified as satisfactory.

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The Commission shall adopt implementing acts concerning the verification of emission reports based on the principles set out in Annex V and for the accreditation and supervision of verifiers. The Commission may also adopt implementing acts for the verification of reports submitted by aircraft operators pursuant to Article 14(3) and applications under Articles 3e and 3f, including the verification procedures to be used by verifiers. It shall specify conditions for the accreditation and withdrawal of accreditation, for mutual recognition and peer evaluation of accreditation bodies, as appropriate.

Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 22a(2).

#### **▼**<u>M4</u>

#### Article 15a

#### Disclosure of information and professional secrecy

Member States and the Commission shall ensure that all decisions and reports relating to the quantity and allocation of allowances and to the monitoring, reporting and verification of emissions are immediately disclosed in an orderly manner ensuring non-discriminatory access.

Information covered by professional secrecy may not be disclosed to any other person or authority except by virtue of the applicable laws, regulations or administrative provisions.

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#### Article 16

#### **Penalties**

1. Member States shall lay down the rules on penalties applicable to infringements of the national provisions adopted pursuant to this Directive and shall take all measures necessary to ensure that such rules are implemented. The penalties provided for must be effective, proportionate and dissuasive. Member States shall notify these provisions to the Commission  $\blacktriangleright$  M2 —  $\blacktriangleleft$  and shall notify it without delay of any subsequent amendment affecting them.

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2. Member States shall ensure the publication of the names of operators, aircraft operators and shipping companies that are in breach of requirements to surrender sufficient allowances under this Directive.

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3. Member States shall ensure that any operator or aircraft operator who does not surrender sufficient allowances by ►M15 30 September ◀ of each year to cover its emissions during the preceding year shall be held liable for the payment of an excess emissions penalty. The excess emissions penalty shall be EUR 100 for each tonne of carbon dioxide equivalent emitted for which the operator or aircraft operator has not surrendered allowances. Payment of the excess emissions penalty shall not release the operator or aircraft operator from the obligation to surrender an amount of allowances equal to those excess emissions when surrendering allowances in relation to the following calendar year.

## **▼**<u>M15</u>

3a. The penalties set out in paragraph 3 shall also apply in respect of shipping companies.

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4. The excess emissions penalty relating to allowances issued from 1 January 2013 onwards shall increase in accordance with the European index of consumer prices.

- 5. In the event that an aircraft operator fails to comply with the requirements of this Directive and where other enforcement measures have failed to ensure compliance, its administering Member State may request the Commission to decide on the imposition of an operating ban on the aircraft operator concerned.
- 6. Any request by an administering Member State under paragraph 5 shall include:
- (a) evidence that the aircraft operator has not complied with its obligations under this Directive;
- (b) details of the enforcement action which has been taken by that Member State;
- (c) a justification for the imposition of an operating ban at ►M9 Union ◀ level; and
- (d) a recommendation for the scope of an operating ban at  $\blacktriangleright \underline{M9}$  Union  $\blacktriangleleft$  level and any conditions that should be applied.
- 7. When requests such as those referred to in paragraph 5 are addressed to the Commission, the Commission shall inform the other Member States through their representatives on the Committee referred to in Article 23(1) in accordance with the Committee's Rules of Procedure.
- 8. The adoption of a decision following a request pursuant to paragraph 5 shall be preceded, when appropriate and practicable, by consultations with the authorities responsible for regulatory oversight of the aircraft operator concerned. Whenever possible, consultations shall be held jointly by the Commission and the Member States.
- 9. When the Commission is considering whether to adopt a decision following a request pursuant to paragraph 5, it shall disclose to the aircraft operator concerned the essential facts and considerations which form the basis for such decision. The aircraft operator concerned shall be given an opportunity to submit written comments to the Commission within 10 working days from the date of disclosure.
- 10. At the request of a Member State, the Commission may, in accordance with the  $\blacktriangleright \underline{M9}$  examination procedure referred to in Article 22a(2)  $\blacktriangleleft$ , adopt a decision to impose an operating ban on the aircraft operator concerned.
- 11. Each Member State shall enforce, within its territory, any decisions adopted under paragraph 10. It shall inform the Commission of any measures taken to implement such decisions.

In the case of a shipping company that has failed to comply with the surrender obligations for two or more consecutive reporting periods, and where other enforcement measures have failed to ensure compliance, the competent authority of the Member State of the port of entry may, after giving the opportunity to the shipping company concerned to submit its observations, issue an expulsion order, which shall be notified to the Commission, the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA), the other Member States and the flag State concerned. As a result of the issuing of such an expulsion order, every Member State, with the exception of the Member State whose flag the ship is flying, shall refuse entry of the ships under the responsibility of the shipping company concerned into any of its ports until the shipping company fulfils its surrender obligations in accordance with Article 12. Where the ship flies the flag of a Member State and enters or is found in one of its ports, the Member State concerned shall, after giving the opportunity to the shipping company concerned to submit its observations, detain the ship until the shipping company fulfils its surrender obligations.

Where a ship of a shipping company as referred to in the first subparagraph is found in one of the ports of the Member State whose flag the ship is flying, the Member State concerned may, after giving the opportunity to the shipping company concerned to submit its observations, issue a flag State detention order until the shipping company fulfils its surrender obligations. It shall inform the Commission, EMSA and the other Member States thereof. As a result of the issuing of such a flag State detention order, every Member State shall take the same measures as are required to be taken following the issuing of an expulsion order in accordance with the first subparagraph, second sentence.

This paragraph shall be without prejudice to international maritime rules applicable in the case of ships in distress.

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12. The Commission shall adopt implementing acts concerning detailed rules in respect of the procedures referred to in this Article. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 22a(2).

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#### Article 17

## Access to information

Decisions relating to the allocation of allowances, information on project activities in which a Member State participates or authorises private or public entities to participate, and the reports of emissions required under the greenhouse gas emissions permit and held by the competent authority, shall be made available to the public in accordance with Directive 2003/4/EC.

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#### Article 18

## Competent authority

Member States shall make the appropriate administrative arrangements, including the designation of the appropriate competent authority or authorities, for the implementation of the rules of this Directive. Where more than one competent authority is designated, the work of these authorities undertaken pursuant to this Directive must be coordinated.

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Member States shall in particular ensure coordination between their designated focal point for approving project activities pursuant to Article 6 (1)(a) of the Kyoto Protocol and their designated national authority for the implementation of Article 12 of the Kyoto Protocol respectively designated in accordance with subsequent decisions adopted under the UNFCCC or the Kyoto Protocol.

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#### Article 18a

#### **Administering Member State**

- 1. The administering Member State in respect of an aircraft operator shall be:
- (a) in the case of an aircraft operator with a valid operating licence granted by a Member State in accordance with the provisions of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2407/92 of 23 July 1992 on licensing of air carriers (1), the Member State which granted the operating licence in respect of that aircraft operator; and
- (b) in all other cases, the Member State with the greatest estimated attributed aviation emissions from flights performed by that aircraft operator in the base year.

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2. Where in the first two years of any period referred to in Article 13, none of the attributed aviation emissions from flights performed by an aircraft operator falling within point (b) of paragraph 1 of this Article are attributed to its administering Member State, the aircraft operator shall be transferred to another administering Member State in respect of the next period. The new administering Member State shall be the Member State with the greatest estimated attributed aviation emissions from flights performed by that aircraft operator during the first two years of the previous period.

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- 3. Based on the best available information, the Commission shall:
- (a) before 1 February 2009, publish a list of aircraft operators which performed an aviation activity listed in Annex I on or after 1 January 2006 specifying the administering Member State for each aircraft operator in accordance with paragraph 1; and

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 240, 24.8.1992, p. 1.

(b) from 2024, at least every two years, update the list to include aircraft operators which have subsequently performed an aviation activity listed in Annex I; where an aircraft operator has not performed an aviation activity listed in Annex I during the four consecutive calendar years preceding the updating of the list, that aircraft operator shall not be included in the list.

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- 4. The Commission may, in accordance with the ightharpoonup M9 examination procedure referred to in Article 22a(2) ightharpoonup, develop guidelines relating to the administration of aircraft operators under this Directive by administering Member States.
- 5. For the purposes of paragraph 1, 'base year' means, in relation to an aircraft operator which started operating in the  $\triangleright M9$  Union  $\triangleleft$  after 1 January 2006, the first calendar year of operation, and in all other cases, the calendar year starting on 1 January 2006.

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#### Article 18b

# Assistance from the Commission, EMSA and other relevant organisations

- 1. For the purposes of carrying out its obligations under Article 3c(4) and Articles 3g, 3gd, 3ge, 3gf, 3gg and 18a, the Commission, the administering Member State and administering authorities in respect of a shipping company may request the assistance of EMSA or another relevant organisation and may conclude to that effect any appropriate agreements with those organisations.
- 2. The Commission, assisted by EMSA, shall endeavour to develop appropriate tools and guidance to facilitate and coordinate verification and enforcement activities related to the application of this Directive to maritime transport. As far as practicable, such guidance and tools shall be made available to the Member States and the verifiers for information-sharing purposes and in order to better ensure robust enforcement of the national measures transposing this Directive.

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#### Article 19

#### Registries

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1. Allowances issued from 1 January 2012 onwards shall be held in the  $\blacktriangleright \underline{M9}$  Union  $\blacktriangleleft$  registry for the execution of processes pertaining to the maintenance of the holding accounts opened in the Member State and the allocation, surrender and cancellation of allowances under the Commission  $\blacktriangleright \underline{M9}$  Acts  $\blacktriangleleft$  referred to in paragraph 3.

Each Member State shall be able to fulfil the execution of authorised operations under the UNFCCC or the Kyoto Protocol.

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2. Any person may hold allowances. The registry shall be accessible to the public and shall contain separate accounts to record the allowances held by each person to whom and from whom allowances are issued or transferred.

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3. The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 23 to supplement this Directive by laying down all necessary requirements concerning the Union Registry for the trading period commencing on 1 January 2013 and subsequent periods, in the form of standardised electronic databases containing common data elements to track the issue, holding, transfer and cancellation, as applicable, of allowances, and to provide for public access and confidentiality, as appropriate. Those delegated acts shall also include provisions to put into effect rules on the mutual recognition of allowances in agreements to link emission trading systems.

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4. The ► M9 Acts ◀ referred to in paragraph 3 shall contain appropriate modalities for the ► M9 Union ◀ registry to undertake transactions and other operations to implement arrangements referred to in Article 25(1b). These ► M9 Acts ◀ shall also include processes for the change and incident management for the ► M9 Union ◀ registry with regard to issues in paragraph 1 of this Article. It shall contain appropriate modalities for the ► M9 Union ◀ registry to ensure that initiatives of the Member States pertaining to efficiency improvement, administrative cost management and quality control measures are possible.

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#### Article 20

#### Central Administrator

- 1. The Commission shall designate a Central Administrator to maintain an independent transaction log recording the issue, transfer and cancellation of allowances.
- 2. The Central Administrator shall conduct an automated check on each transaction in registries through the independent transaction log to ensure there are no irregularities in the issue, transfer and cancellation of allowances.
- 3. If irregularities are identified through the automated check, the Central Administrator shall inform the Member State or Member States concerned who shall not register the transactions in question or any further transactions relating to the allowances concerned until the irregularities have been resolved.

#### Article 21

#### Reporting by Member States

1. Each year the Member States shall submit to the Commission a report on the application of this Directive.  $\blacktriangleright \underline{M4}$  That report shall pay particular attention to the arrangements for the allocation of allowances, the operation of registries, the application of the implementing measures

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on monitoring and reporting, verification and accreditation and issues relating to compliance with this Directive and on the fiscal treatment of allowances, if any. ◀ The first report shall be sent to the Commission by 30 June 2005. ▶ M9 The report shall be drawn up on the basis of a questionnaire or outline adopted by the Commission in the form of implementing acts. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 22a(2). ◀ The questionnaire or outline shall be sent to Member States at least six months before the deadline for the submission of the first report.

2. On the basis of the reports referred to in paragraph 1, the Commission shall publish a report on the application of this Directive within three months of receiving the reports from the Member States.

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3. The Commission shall organise an exchange of information between the competent authorities of the Member States concerning developments relating to issues of allocation, the use of ERUs and CERs in the ▶ M9 EU ETS ◄, the operation of registries, monitoring, reporting, verification, accreditation, information technology, and compliance with this Directive.

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4. Every three years, the report referred to in paragraph 1 shall also pay particular attention to the equivalent measures adopted for small installations excluded from the EU ETS. The issue of equivalent measures adopted for small installations shall also be considered in the exchange of information referred to in paragraph 3.

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#### Article 21a

## Support of capacity-building activities

In accordance with the UNFCCC, the Kyoto Protocol and any subsequent decision adopted for their implementation, the Commission and the Member States shall endeavour to support capacity-building activities in developing countries and countries with economies in transition in order to help them take full advantage of JI and the CDM in a manner that supports their sustainable development strategies and to facilitate the engagement of entities in JI and CDM project development and implementation.

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#### Article 22

## Amendments to the Annexes

The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 23 to amend, where appropriate, the Annexes to this Directive, with the exception of Annexes I, IIa and IIb, in the light of the reports provided for in Article 21 and of the experience of the application of this Directive. Annexes IV and V may be amended in order to improve the monitoring, reporting and verification of emissions.

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#### Article 22a

## Committee procedure

- 1. The Commission shall be assisted by the Climate Change Committee established by Article 26 of Regulation (EU) No 525/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council (¹). That committee shall be a committee within the meaning of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council (²).
- 2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 shall apply.

Where the committee delivers no opinion, the Commission shall not adopt the draft implementing act and the third subparagraph of Article 5(4) of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 shall apply.

#### Article 23

#### Exercise of the delegation

1. The power to adopt delegated acts is conferred on the Commission subject to the conditions laid down in this Article.

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- 2. The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in Article 3c(6), Article 3d(3), Article 10(4), Article 10a(1), (8) and (8a), Article 10b(5), Article 12(3b), Article 19(3), Article 22, Article 24(3), Article 24a(1), Article 25a(1), Article 28c and Article 30j(1) shall be conferred on the Commission for an indeterminate period of time from 8 April 2018.
- 3. The delegation of power referred to in Article 3c(6), Article 3d(3), Article 10(4), Article 10a(1), (8) and (8a), Article 10b(5), Article 12(3b), Article 19(3), Article 22, Article 24(3), Article 24a(1), Article 25a(1), Article 28c and Article 30j(1) may be revoked at any time by the European Parliament or by the Council. A decision to revoke shall put an end to the delegation of the power specified in that decision. It shall take effect the day following the publication of the decision in the Official Journal of the European Union or at a later date specified therein. It shall not affect the validity of any delegated acts already in force.

<sup>(</sup>¹) 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).

<sup>(2)</sup> Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 2011 laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by the Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers (OJ L 55, 28.2.2011, p. 13).

- 4. Before adopting a delegated act, the Commission shall consult experts designated by each Member State in accordance with the principles laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-Making (1).
- 5. As soon as it adopts a delegated act, the Commission shall notify it simultaneously to the European Parliament and to the Council.

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6. A delegated act adopted pursuant to Article 3c(6), Article 3d(3), Article 10(4), Article 10a(1), (8) or (8a), Article 10b(5), Article 12(3b), Article 19(3), Article 22, Article 24(3), Article 24a(1), Article 25a(1), Article 28c or Article 30j(1) shall enter into force only if no objection has been expressed either by the European Parliament or by the Council within a period of two months of notification of that act to the European Parliament and to the Council or if, before the expiry of that period, the European Parliament and the Council have both informed the Commission that they will not object. That period shall be extended by two months at the initiative of the European Parliament or of the Council.

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#### Article 24

#### Procedures for unilateral inclusion of additional activities and gases

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1. From 2008, Member States may apply emission allowance trading in accordance with this Directive to activities and to greenhouse gases which are not listed in Annex I, taking into account all relevant criteria, in particular the effects on the internal market, potential distortions of competition, the environmental integrity of the EU ETS and the reliability of the planned monitoring and reporting system, provided that the inclusion of such activities and greenhouse gases is approved by the Commission, in accordance with delegated acts which the Commission is empowered to adopt in accordance with Article 23.

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- 2. When the inclusion of additional activities and gases is approved, the Commission may at the same time authorise the issue of additional allowances and may authorise other Member States to include such additional activities and gases.
- 3. On the initiative of the Commission or at the request of a Member State, these  $\blacktriangleright \underline{M9}$  acts  $\blacktriangleleft$  may be adopted on the monitoring of, and reporting on, emissions concerning activities, installations and greenhouse gases which are not listed as a combination in Annex I, if that monitoring and reporting can be carried out with sufficient accuracy.

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The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 23 to supplement this Directive to this effect.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 123, 12.5.2016, p. 1.

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#### Article 24a

## Harmonised rules for projects that reduce emissions

## **▼** M9

1. In addition to the inclusions provided for in Article 24, the Commission may adopt measures for issuing allowances or credits in respect of projects administered by Member States that reduce greenhouse gas emissions not covered by the EU ETS.

Such measures shall be consistent with acts adopted pursuant to former Article 11b(7) as in force before 8 April 2018. The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 23 to supplement this Directive by setting out the procedure to be followed.

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Any such measures shall not result in the double-counting of emission reductions nor impede the undertaking of other policy measures to reduce emissions not covered by the  $\blacktriangleright \underline{M9}$  EU ETS  $\blacktriangleleft$ . Measures shall only be adopted where inclusion is not possible in accordance with Article 24, and the next review of the  $\blacktriangleright \underline{M9}$  EU ETS  $\blacktriangleleft$  shall consider harmonising the coverage of those emissions across the  $\blacktriangleright \underline{M9}$  Union  $\blacktriangleleft$ .

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3. A Member State can refuse to issue allowances or credits in respect of certain types of projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions on its own territory.

Such projects will be executed on the basis of the agreement of the Member State in which the project takes place.

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#### Article 25

# Links with other greenhouse gas emissions trading ► M9 systems ◀

1. Agreements should be concluded with third countries listed in Annex B to the Kyoto Protocol which have ratified the Protocol to provide for the mutual recognition of allowances between the ► M9 EU ETS ◀ and other greenhouse gas emissions trading ► M9 systems ◀ in accordance with the rules set out in Article 300 of the Treaty.

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- 1a. Agreements may be made to provide for the recognition of allowances between the  $\blacktriangleright M9$  EU ETS  $\blacktriangleleft$  and compatible mandatory greenhouse gas emissions trading systems with absolute emissions caps established in any other country or in sub-federal or regional entities.
- 1b. Non-binding arrangements may be made with third countries or with sub-federal or regional entities to provide for administrative and technical coordination in relation to allowances in the  $\blacktriangleright \underline{M9}$  EU ETS  $\blacktriangleleft$  or other mandatory greenhouse gas emissions trading systems with absolute emissions caps.

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#### Article 25a

# Third country measures to reduce the climate change impact of aviation

1. ▶ M9 Where a third country adopts measures for reducing the climate change impact of flights departing from that third country which land in the Union, the Commission, after consulting with that third country, and with Member States within the Committee referred to in Article 22a(1), shall consider options available in order to provide for optimal interaction between the EU ETS and that country's measures.

The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 23 to amend Annex I to this Directive to provide for flights arriving from the third country concerned to be excluded from the aviation activities listed in Annex I or to provide for any other amendments to the aviation activities listed in Annex I, except in relation to scope, which are required by an agreement concluded pursuant to Article 218 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. ◀

The Commission may propose to the European Parliament and the Council any other amendments to this Directive.

The Commission may also, where appropriate, make recommendations to the Council in accordance with Article 300(1) of the Treaty to open negotiations with a view to concluding an agreement with the third country concerned.

#### **▼**M14

- 2. The Union and its Member States shall continue to seek agreements on global measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from aviation, aligned with the objectives of Regulation (EU) 2021/1119 and of the Paris Agreement. In the light of any such agreements, the Commission shall consider whether amendments to this Directive as it applies to aircraft operators are necessary.
- 3. The Commission shall adopt an implementing act listing States other than EEA countries, Switzerland and the United Kingdom which are considered to be applying CORSIA for the purposes of this Directive, with a baseline of 2019 for 2021 to 2023 and a baseline of 85 % of 2019 emissions for each year from 2024. That implementing act shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 22a(2).
- 4. In respect of emissions released until 31 December 2026 from flights to or from States that are listed in the implementing act adopted pursuant to paragraph 3 of this Article, aircraft operators shall not be required to surrender allowances in accordance with Article 12(3) in respect of those emissions.

- 5. In respect of emissions released until 31 December 2026 from flights between the EEA and States that are not listed in the implementing act adopted pursuant to paragraph 3 of this Article, other than flights to Switzerland and to the United Kingdom, aircraft operators shall not be required to surrender allowances in accordance with Article 12(3) in respect of those emissions.
- 6. In respect of emissions from flights to and from least developed countries and small island developing States as defined by the United Nations, other than those listed in the implementing act adopted pursuant to paragraph 3 of this Article and those States whose GDP per capita equals or exceeds the Union average, aircraft operators shall not be required to surrender allowances in accordance with Article 12(3) in respect of those emissions.
- 7. Where the Commission determines that there is a significant distortion of competition, such as a distortion caused by a third country applying CORSIA in a less stringent manner in its domestic law or failing to enforce CORSIA provisions in an equal manner for all aircraft operators, which is detrimental to aircraft operators that hold an air operator certificate issued by a Member State or are registered in a Member State, including in the outermost regions, dependencies and territories of that Member State, the Commission shall adopt implementing acts to exempt those aircraft operators from offsetting requirements as laid down in Article 12(9) in respect of emissions from flights to and from such States. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 22a(2).
- 8. Where aircraft operators that hold an air operator certificate issued by a Member State or are registered in a Member State, including in the outermost regions, dependencies and territories of that Member State, operate flights between two different States listed in the implementing act adopted pursuant to paragraph 3 of this Article, including flights that take place between Switzerland, the United Kingdom and States listed in the implementing act adopted pursuant to paragraph 3 of this Article, and those States allow aircraft operators to use units other than those on the list adopted pursuant to Article 11a(8), the Commission shall be empowered to adopt implementing acts allowing those aircraft operators to use unit types additional to those on the list or not to be bound by the conditions of Article 11a(2) and (3) in respect of emissions from such flights. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 22a(2).

## Amendment of Directive 96/61/EC

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'Where emissions of a greenhouse gas from an installation are specified in Annex I to Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 October 2003 establishing a scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the Community and amending Council Directive 96/61/EC (\*) in relation to an activity carried out in that installation, the permit shall not include an emission limit value for direct emissions of that gas unless it is necessary to ensure that no significant local pollution is caused.

For activities listed in Annex I to Directive 2003/87/EC, Member States may choose not to impose requirements relating to energy efficiency in respect of combustion units or other units emitting carbon dioxide on the site.

Where necessary, the competent authorities shall amend the permit as appropriate.

The three preceding subparagraphs shall not apply to installations temporarily excluded from the scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the Community in accordance with Article 27 of Directive 2003/87/EC.

(\*) OJ L 275, 25.10.2003, p. 32.'

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## Article 27

#### Exclusion of small installations subject to equivalent measures

- 1. Following consultation with the operator, Member States may exclude from the ▶ M9 EU ETS ◀ installations which have reported to the competent authority emissions of less than 25 000 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent and, where they carry out combustion activities, have a rated thermal input below 35 MW, excluding emissions from biomass, in each of the three years preceding the notification under point (a), and which are subject to measures that will achieve an equivalent contribution to emission reductions, if the Member State concerned complies with the following conditions:
- (a) it notifies the Commission of each such installation, specifying the equivalent measures applying to that installation that will achieve an equivalent contribution to emission reductions that are in place, before the list of installations pursuant to Article 11(1) has to be submitted and at the latest when this list is submitted to the Commission;
- (b) it confirms that monitoring arrangements are in place to assess whether any installation emits 25 000 tonnes or more of carbon dioxide equivalent, excluding emissions from biomass, in any one calendar year. Member States may allow simplified monitoring, reporting and verification measures for installations with average annual verified emissions between 2008 and 2010 which are below 5 000 tonnes a year, in accordance with Article 14;

- (c) it confirms that if any installation emits 25 000 tonnes or more of carbon dioxide equivalent, excluding emissions from biomass, in any one calendar year or the measures applying to that installation that will achieve an equivalent contribution to emission reductions are no longer in place, the installation will be reintroduced into the ►M9 EU ETS ◄;
- (d) it publishes the information referred to in points (a), (b) and (c) for public comment.

Hospitals may also be excluded if they undertake equivalent measures.

2. If, following a period of three months from the date of notification for public comment, the Commission does not object within a further period of six months, the exclusion shall be deemed approved.

Following the surrender of allowances in respect of the period during which the installation is in the  $\blacktriangleright \underline{M9}$  EU ETS  $\blacktriangleleft$ , the installation shall be excluded and the Member State shall no longer issue free allowances to the installation pursuant to Article 10a.

3. When an installation is reintroduced into the  $\blacktriangleright \underline{M9}$  EU ETS  $\blacktriangleleft$  pursuant to paragraph 1(c), any allowances issued pursuant to Article 10a shall be granted starting with the year of the reintroduction. Allowances issued to these installations shall be deducted from the quantity to be auctioned pursuant to Article 10(2) by the Member State in which the installation is situated.

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Any such installation shall stay in the EU ETS for the rest of the period referred to in Article 11(1) during which it was reintroduced.

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4. For installations which have not been included in the  $\blacktriangleright M9$  EU ETS  $\blacktriangleleft$  during the period from 2008 to 2012, simplified requirements for monitoring, reporting and verification may be applied for determining emissions in the three years preceding the notification under paragraph 1 point (a).

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#### Article 27a

## Optional exclusion of installations emitting less than 2 500 tonnes

- 1. Member States may exclude from the EU ETS installations that have reported to the competent authority of the Member State concerned emissions of less than 2 500 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent, disregarding emissions from biomass, in each of the three years preceding the notification under point (a), provided that the Member State concerned:
- (a) notifies the Commission of each such installation before the list of installations pursuant to Article 11(1) is to be submitted or at the latest when that list is submitted to the Commission;

- (b) confirms that simplified monitoring arrangements are in place to assess whether any installation emits 2 500 tonnes or more of carbon dioxide equivalent, disregarding emissions from biomass, in any one calendar year;
- (c) confirms that if any installation emits 2 500 tonnes or more of carbon dioxide equivalent, disregarding emissions from biomass, in any one calendar year, the installation will be reintroduced into the EU ETS; and
- (d) makes the information referred to in points (a), (b) and (c) available to the public.
- 2. When an installation is reintroduced into the EU ETS pursuant to point (c) of paragraph 1 of this Article, any allowances allocated pursuant to Article 10a shall be granted starting from the year of the reintroduction. Allowances allocated to such an installation shall be deducted from the quantity to be auctioned pursuant to Article 10(2) by the Member State in which the installation is situated.
- 3. Member States may also exclude from the EU ETS reserve or backup units which did not operate more than 300 hours per year in each of the three years preceding the notification under point (a) of paragraph 1, under the same conditions as set out in paragraphs 1 and 2.

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## Article 28

# Adjustments applicable upon the approval by the $\blacktriangleright \underline{M9}$ Union $\blacktriangleleft$ of an international agreement on climate change

- 1. Within three months of the signature by the  $ightharpoonup \underline{M9}$  Union ightharpoonupof an international agreement on climate change leading, by 2020, to mandatory reductions of greenhouse gas emissions exceeding 20% compared to 1990 levels, as reflected in the 30% reduction commitment as endorsed by the European Council of March 2007, the Commission shall submit a report assessing, in particular, the following elements:
- (a) the nature of the measures agreed upon in the framework of the international negotiations as well as the commitments made by other developed countries to comparable emission reductions to those of the ► M9 Union ◄ and the commitments made by economically more advanced developing countries to contributing adequately according to their responsibilities and respective capabilities;
- (b) the implications of the international agreement on climate change, and consequently, options required at ► M9 Union < level, in order to move to the more ambitious 30 % reduction target in a balanced, transparent and equitable way, taking into account work under the Kyoto Protocol's first commitment period;

- (c) the ▶ M9 Union ◀ manufacturing industries' competitiveness in the context of carbon leakage risks;
- (d) the impact of the international agreement on climate change on other ► M9 Union ◀ economic sectors;
- (e) the impact on the ►M9 Union agriculture sector, including carbon leakage risks;
- (f) the appropriate modalities for including emissions and removals related to land use, land use change and forestry in the ►M9 Union ◀;
- (g) afforestation, reforestation, avoided deforestation and forest degradation in third countries in the event of the establishment of any internationally recognised system in this context;
- (h) the need for additional ▶ M9 Union ◀ policies and measures in view of the greenhouse gas reduction commitments of the ▶ M9 Union' ◀ and of Member States.
- 2. On the basis of the report referred to in paragraph 1, the Commission shall, as appropriate, submit a legislative proposal to the European Parliament and to the Council amending this Directive pursuant to paragraph 1, with a view to the amending Directive entering into force upon the approval by the  $\blacktriangleright$  M9 Union  $\blacktriangleleft$  of the international agreement on climate change and in view of the emission reduction commitment to be implemented under that agreement.

The proposal shall be based upon the principles of transparency, economic efficiency and cost-effectiveness, as well as fairness and solidarity in the distribution of efforts between Member States.

- 3. The proposal shall allow, as appropriate, operators to use, in addition to the credits provided for in this Directive, CERs, ERUs or other approved credits from third countries which have ratified the international agreement on climate change.
- 4. The proposal shall also include, as appropriate, any other measures needed to help reach the mandatory reductions in accordance with paragraph 1 in a transparent, balanced and equitable way and, in particular, shall include implementing measures to provide for the use of additional types of project credits by operators in the  $\blacktriangleright \underline{M9}$  EU ETS  $\blacktriangleleft$  to those referred to in paragraphs 2 to 5 of Article 11a or the use by such operators of other mechanisms created under the international agreement on climate change, as appropriate.
- 5. The proposal shall include the appropriate transitional and suspensive measures pending the entry into force of the international agreement on climate change.

#### Article 28a

# Derogations applicable in advance of the mandatory implementation of ICAO's global market-based measure

- 1. By way of derogation from Article 12(3), Article 14(3) and Article 16, Member States shall consider the requirements set out in those provisions to be satisfied and shall take no action against aircraft operators in respect of:
- (a) all emissions from flights to and from aerodromes located in States outside the EEA, with the exception of flights to aerodromes located in the United Kingdom or Switzerland, in each calendar year from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2026, subject to the review referred to in Article 28b;
- (b) all emissions from flights between an aerodrome located in an outermost region within the meaning of Article 349 TFEU and an aerodrome located in another region of the EEA in each calendar year from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2023, subject to the review referred to in Article 28b.

For the purposes of Articles 11a, 12 and 14, the verified emissions from flights other than those referred to in the first subparagraph of this paragraph shall be considered to be the verified emissions of the aircraft operator.

- 2. By way of derogation from Article 3d(3), the quantity of allowances to be auctioned by each Member State in respect of the period from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2026 shall be reduced to correspond to its share of attributed aviation emissions from flights which are not subject to the derogations provided for in points (a) and (b) of paragraph 1 of this Article.
- 3. By way of derogation from Article 3g, aircraft operators shall not be required to submit monitoring plans setting out measures to monitor and report emissions in respect of flights which are subject to the derogations provided for in points (a) and (b) of paragraph 1 of this Article.
- 4. By way of derogation from Articles 3g, 12, 15 and 18a, where an aircraft operator has total annual emissions lower than 25 000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>, or where an aircraft operator has total annual emissions lower than 3 000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> from flights other than those referred to in points (a) and (b) of paragraph 1 of this Article, its emissions shall be considered to be verified emissions if determined by using the small emitters tool approved under Commission Regulation (EU) No 606/2010 (¹) and populated by Eurocontrol with data from its ETS support facility. Member States may implement simplified procedures for non-commercial aircraft operators as long as such procedures provide no less accuracy than the small emitters tool provides.

<sup>(</sup>¹) Commission Regulation (EU) No 606/2010 of 9 July 2010 on the approval of a simplified tool developed by the European organisation for air safety navigation (Eurocontrol) to estimate the fuel consumption of certain small emitting aircraft operators (OJ L 175, 10.7.2010, p. 25).

5. Paragraph 1 of this Article shall apply to countries with whom an agreement pursuant to Article 25 or 25a has been reached only in line with the terms of such agreement.

#### Article 28b

# Reporting and review by the Commission concerning the implementation of ICAO's global market-based measure

- 1. Before 1 January 2027 and every three years thereafter, the Commission shall report to the European Parliament and to the Council on progress in the ICAO negotiations to implement the global market-based measure to be applied to emissions from 2021, in particular with regard to:
- (a) the relevant ICAO instruments, including standards and recommended practices, as well as the progress in the implementation of all elements of the ICAO basket of measures towards the achievement of the long-term global aspirational goal adopted at ICAO's 41st Assembly;
- (b) ICAO Council-approved recommendations relevant to the global market-based measure, including any possible changes to baselines;
- (c) the establishment of a global registry;
- (d) domestic measures taken by third countries to implement the global market-based measure to be applied to emissions from 2021;
- (e) the level of participation in offsetting under CORSIA by third countries, including the implications of their reservations as regards such participation; and
- (f) other relevant international developments and applicable instruments, as well as progress to reduce aviation's total climate change impacts.

In line with the global stocktake of the Paris Agreement, the Commission shall also report on efforts to meet the aviation sector's long-term global aspirational goal of reducing aviation  $\rm CO_2$  emissions to net zero by 2050, assessed in line with the criteria referred to in the first subparagraph, points (a) to (f).

2. By 1 July 2026, the Commission shall submit to the European Parliament and to the Council a report in which it shall assess the environmental integrity of ICAO's global market-based measure, including its general ambition in relation to targets under the Paris Agreement, the level of participation in offsetting under CORSIA, its enforceability, transparency, the penalties for non-compliance, the processes for public input, the quality of offset credits, monitoring, reporting and verification of emissions, registries, accountability as well as rules on the use of biofuels. The Commission shall publish that report also by 1 July 2026.

- 3. The Commission's report referred to in paragraph 2 shall be accompanied by a legislative proposal, where appropriate, to amend this Directive in a way that is consistent with the Paris Agreement temperature goal, the Union's economy-wide greenhouse gas emission reduction commitment for 2030 and the objective of achieving climate neutrality by 2050 at the latest, and with the aim of preserving the environmental integrity and effectiveness of the Union's climate action. An accompanying proposal shall, as appropriate, include the application of the EU ETS to departing flights from aerodromes located in States in the EEA to aerodromes located outside the EEA from January 2027 and exclude arriving flights from aerodromes located outside the EEA where the report referred to in paragraph 2 shows that:
- (a) the ICAO Assembly by 31 December 2025 has not strengthened CORSIA in line with achieving its long-term global aspirational goal, towards meeting the Paris Agreement goals; or
- (b) States listed in the implementing act adopted pursuant to Article 25a(3) represent less than 70 % of international aviation emissions using the most recent available data.

The accompanying proposal shall also, as appropriate, allow the possibility for aircraft operators to deduct any costs incurred from CORSIA offsetting on those routes, to avoid double charging. If the conditions referred to in the first subparagraph, points (a) and (b) of this paragraph are not met, the proposal shall amend this Directive, as appropriate, to continue applying the EU ETS only to flights within the EEA, to flights to Switzerland and to the United Kingdom and to flights to States not listed in the implementing act adopted pursuant to Article 25a(3).

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## Article 28c

# Provisions for monitoring, reporting and verification for the purpose of the global market-based measure

The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 23 to supplement this Directive concerning the appropriate monitoring, reporting and verification of emissions for the purpose of implementing the ICAO's global market-based measure on all routes covered by it. Those delegated acts shall be based on the relevant instruments adopted in the ICAO, shall avoid any distortion of competition and be consistent with the principles contained in the acts referred to in Article 14(1), and shall ensure that the emissions reports submitted are verified in accordance with the verification principles and criteria laid down in Article 15.

#### Article 29

#### Report to ensure the better functioning of the carbon market

If the regular reports on the carbon market referred to in Article 10(5) and (6) contain evidence that the carbon market is not functioning properly, the Commission shall within a period of three months submit a report to the European Parliament and to the Council. The report may be accompanied, where appropriate, by legislative proposals aiming at increasing the transparency and integrity of the carbon market, including related derivative markets, and addressing the corrective measures to improve its functioning, as well as to enhance the prevention and detection of market abuse activities.

#### Article 29a

#### Measures in the event of excessive price fluctuations

1. If the average allowance price for the six preceding calendar months is more than 2,4 times the average allowance price for the preceding two-year reference period, 75 million allowances shall be released from the market stability reserve in accordance with Article 1(7) of Decision (EU) 2015/1814.

The allowance price referred to in the first subparagraph of this paragraph shall, for allowances covered by Chapters II and III, be the price of auctions carried out in accordance with the delegated acts adopted pursuant to Article 10(4).

The preceding two-year reference period referred to in the first subparagraph shall be the two-year period that ends before the first month of the period of six calendar months referred to in that subparagraph.

Where the condition in the first subparagraph of this paragraph is met and paragraph 2 is not applicable, the Commission shall publish a notice to that effect in the *Official Journal of the European Union* indicating the date on which the condition was fulfilled.

The Commission shall publish within the first three working days of each month the average allowance price for the preceding six calendar months and the average allowance price for the preceding two-year reference period. If the condition referred to in the first subparagraph is not met, the Commission shall also publish the level that the average allowance price would have to reach in the next month in order to meet the condition referred to in that subparagraph.

- 2. When the condition for release of allowances from the market stability reserve pursuant to paragraph 1 has been met, the condition referred to in that paragraph shall not be considered to have been met again until at least twelve months after the end of the previous release.
- 3. The detailed arrangements for the application of the measures referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article shall be laid down in the delegated acts referred to in Article 10(4).

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#### Article 30

Review in the light of the implementation of the Paris Agreement and the development of carbon markets in other major economies

## **▼**<u>M15</u>

- 1. This Directive shall be kept under review in the light of international developments and efforts undertaken to achieve the long-term objectives of the Paris Agreement, and of any relevant commitments resulting from the Conferences of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.
- 2. The measures to support certain energy-intensive industries that may be subject to carbon leakage referred to in Articles 10a and 10b of this Directive shall also be kept under review in the light of climate policy measures in other major economies. In this context, the Commission shall also consider whether measures in relation to the compensation of indirect costs should be further harmonised. The measures applicable to CBAM sectors shall be kept under review in light of the application of Regulation (EU) 2023/956. Before 1 January 2028, and every two years thereafter, as part of its reports to the European Parliament and to the Council pursuant to Article 30(6) of that Regulation, the Commission shall assess the impact of CBAM on the risk of carbon leakage, including in relation to exports.

The report shall assess the need for taking additional measures, including legislative measures, to address carbon leakage risks. The report shall, where appropriate, be accompanied by a legislative proposal.

3. The Commission shall report to the European Parliament and to the Council in the context of each global stocktake agreed under the Paris Agreement, in particular with regard to the need for additional Union policies and measures in view of necessary greenhouse gas reductions by the Union and its Member States, including in relation to the linear factor referred to in Article 9 of this Directive. The Commission may, where appropriate, submit legislative proposals to the European Parliament and to the Council to amend this Directive, in particular in order to ensure compliance with the climate-neutrality objective laid down in Article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1119 and the Union climate targets laid down in Article 4 of that Regulation. When making its legislative proposals, the Commission shall, to that end, consider, inter alia, the projected indicative Union greenhouse gas budget for the period from 2030 to 2050 as referred to in Article 4(4) of that Regulation.

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4. Before 1 January 2020, the Commission shall present an updated analysis of the non-CO<sub>2</sub> effects of aviation, accompanied, where appropriate, by a proposal on how best to address those effects.

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5. By 31 July 2026, the Commission shall report to the European Parliament and to the Council on the following matters, accompanied, where appropriate, by a legislative proposal and impact assessment:

- (a) how negative emissions resulting from greenhouse gases that are removed from the atmosphere and safely and permanently stored could be accounted for and how those negative emissions could be covered by emissions trading, if appropriate, including a clear scope and strict criteria for such coverage, and safeguards to ensure that such removals do not offset necessary emission reductions in accordance with Union climate targets laid down in Regulation (EU) 2021/1119;
- (b) the feasibility of lowering the 20 MW total rated thermal input thresholds for the activities in Annex I from 2031;
- (c) whether all greenhouse gas emissions covered by this Directive are effectively accounted for, and whether double counting is effectively avoided; in particular, it shall assess the accounting of the greenhouse gas emissions which are considered to have been captured and utilised in a product in a manner other than that referred to in Article 12(3b).
- 6. When reviewing this Directive, in accordance with paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this Article, the Commission shall analyse how linkages between the EU ETS and other carbon markets can be established without impeding the achievement of the climate-neutrality objective and the Union climate targets laid down in Regulation (EU) 2021/1119.
- By 31 July 2026, the Commission shall present a report to the European Parliament and to the Council in which it shall assess the feasibility of including municipal waste incineration installations in the EU ETS, including with a view to their inclusion from 2028 and with an assessment of the potential need for an option for a Member State to opt out until 31 December 2030. In that regard, the Commission shall take into account the importance of all sectors contributing to emission reductions and potential diversion of waste towards disposal by landfilling in the Union and waste exports to third countries. The Commission shall in addition take into account relevant criteria such as the effects on the internal market, potential distortions of competition, environmental integrity, alignment with the objectives Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (1) and robustness and accuracy with regard to the monitoring and calculation of emissions. The Commission shall, where appropriate and without prejudice to Article 4 of that Directive, accompany that report with a legislative proposal to apply the provisions of this Chapter to greenhouse gas emissions permits and the allocation and issue of additional allowances in respect of municipal waste incineration installations, and to prevent potential diversion of waste.

<sup>(1)</sup> Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on waste and repealing certain Directives (OJ L 312, 22.11.2008, p. 3).

In the report referred to in the first subparagraph, the Commission shall also assess the possibility of including in the EU ETS other waste management processes, in particular landfills which create methane and nitrous oxide emissions in the Union. The Commission may, where appropriate, also accompany that report with a legislative proposal to include such other waste management processes in the EU ETS.

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- 8. In 2026, the Commission shall include the following elements in the report provided for in Article 10(5):
- (a) an evaluation of the environmental and climate impacts of flights of less than 1 000 km and consideration of options to reduce those impacts, including an examination of the alternative modes of public transport available and the increased use of sustainable aviation fuels;
- (b) an evaluation of the environmental and climate impacts of flights performed by operators exempted pursuant to point (h) or (k) of the entry 'Aviation' of the column 'Activities' in the table of Annex I, and considerations of options to reduce those impacts;
- (c) an evaluation of the social impacts of this Directive in the aviation sector, including on its work force and air travel costs; and
- (d) an evaluation of the air connectivity of islands and remote territories, including consideration of competitiveness and carbon leakage, as well as environmental and climate impacts.

The report provided for in Article 10(5), where appropriate, shall be also taken into account for the future revision of this Directive.

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#### CHAPTER IVa

# EMISSIONS TRADING SYSTEM FOR BUILDINGS, ROAD TRANSPORT AND ADDITIONAL SECTORS

## Article 30a

#### Scope

The provisions of this Chapter shall apply to emissions, greenhouse gas emissions permits, the issue and surrender of allowances, monitoring, reporting and verification in respect of the activity referred to in Annex III. This Chapter shall not apply to any emissions covered by Chapters II and III.

#### Article 30b

## Greenhouse gas emissions permits

- 1. Member States shall ensure that, from 1 January 2025, no regulated entity carries out the activity referred to in Annex III unless that regulated entity holds a permit issued by a competent authority in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Article.
- 2. An application to the competent authority by the regulated entity pursuant to paragraph 1 of this Article for a greenhouse gas emissions permit under this Chapter shall include, at least, a description of:
- (a) the regulated entity;
- (b) the type of fuels it releases for consumption and which are used for combustion in the sectors referred to in Annex III and the means through which it releases those fuels for consumption;
- (c) the end use or end uses of the fuels released for consumption for the activity referred to in Annex III;
- (d) the measures planned to monitor and report emissions, in accordance with the implementing acts referred to in Articles 14 and 30f;
- (e) a non-technical summary of the information referred to in points (a) to (d) of this paragraph.
- 3. The competent authority shall issue a greenhouse gas emissions permit granting authorisation to the regulated entity referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article for the activity referred to in Annex III, if it is satisfied that the entity is capable of monitoring and reporting emissions corresponding to the quantities of fuels released for consumption pursuant to Annex III.
- 4. Greenhouse gas emissions permits shall contain, at least, the following:
- (a) the name and address of the regulated entity;
- (b) a description of the means by which the regulated entity releases the fuels for consumption in the sectors covered by this Chapter;
- (c) a list of the fuels the regulated entity releases for consumption in the sectors covered by this Chapter;
- (d) a monitoring plan that fulfils the requirements established by the implementing acts referred to in Article 14;
- (e) reporting requirements established by the implementing acts referred to in Article 14;

- (f) an obligation to surrender allowances issued under this Chapter, equal to the total emissions in each calendar year, as verified in accordance with Article 15, by the deadline laid down in Article 30e(2).
- 5. Member States may allow the regulated entities to update monitoring plans without changing the permit. Regulated entities shall submit any updated monitoring plans to the competent authority for approval.
- 6. The regulated entity shall inform the competent authority of any planned changes to the nature of its activity or to the fuels it releases for consumption, which may require updating the greenhouse gas emissions permit. Where appropriate, the competent authority shall update the permit in accordance with the implementing acts referred to in Article 14. Where there is a change in the identity of the regulated entity covered by this Chapter, the competent authority shall update the permit to include the name and address of the new regulated entity.

## Article 30c

#### Union-wide quantity of allowances

- 1. The Union-wide quantity of allowances issued under this Chapter each year from 2027 shall decrease in a linear manner beginning in 2024. The 2024 value shall be defined as the 2024 emission limits, calculated on the basis of the reference emissions under Article 4(2) of Regulation (EU) 2018/842 of the European Parliament and of the Council (¹) for the sectors covered by this Chapter and applying the linear reduction trajectory for all emissions within the scope of that Regulation. The quantity shall decrease each year after 2024 by a linear reduction factor of 5,10 %. By 1 January 2025, the Commission shall publish the Union-wide quantity of allowances for the year 2027.
- 2. The Union-wide quantity of allowances issued under this Chapter each year from 2028 shall decrease in a linear manner beginning from 2025 on the basis of the average emissions reported under this Chapter for the years 2024 to 2026. The quantity of allowances shall decrease by a linear reduction factor of 5,38 %, except if the conditions set out in point 1 of Annex IIIa apply, in which case the quantity shall decrease by a linear reduction factor adjusted in accordance with the rules set out in point 2 of Annex IIIa. By 30 June 2027, the Commission shall publish the Union-wide quantity of allowances for 2028 and, if required, the adjusted linear reduction factor.

<sup>(</sup>¹) 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).

- 3. The Union-wide quantity of allowances issued under this Chapter shall be adjusted for each year from 2028 to compensate for the quantity of allowances surrendered in cases where it was not possible to avoid double counting of emissions or where allowances have been surrendered for emissions not covered by this Chapter as referred to in Article 30f(5). The adjustment shall correspond to the total amount of allowances covered by this Chapter which were compensated for in the relevant reporting year pursuant to the implementing acts referred to in Article 30f(5), second subparagraph.
- 4. A Member State that, pursuant to Article 30j, unilaterally extends the activity referred to in Annex III to sectors that are not listed in that Annex shall ensure that the regulated entities concerned submit, by 30 April of the relevant year, to the relevant competent authority a duly substantiated report in accordance with Article 30f. If the data submitted are duly substantiated, the competent authority shall notify the Commission thereof by 30 June of the relevant year. The quantity of allowances to be issued under paragraph 1 of this Article shall be adjusted taking into account the duly substantiated reports submitted by the regulated entities.

#### Article 30d

## Auctioning of allowances for the activity referred to in Annex III

- 1. From 2027, allowances covered by this Chapter shall be auctioned, unless they are placed in the market stability reserve established by Decision (EU) 2015/1814. The allowances covered by this Chapter shall be auctioned separately from the allowances covered by Chapters II and III of this Directive.
- 2. The auctioning of the allowances under this Chapter shall start in 2027 with an amount corresponding to 130% of the auction volumes for 2027 established on the basis of the Union-wide quantity of allowances for that year and the respective auction shares and volumes pursuant to paragraphs 3 to 6 of this Article. The additional 30% to be auctioned shall only be used for surrendering allowances pursuant to Article 30e(2) and may be auctioned until 31 May 2028. The additional 30% shall be deducted from the auction volumes for the period from 2029 to 2031. The conditions for the auctions provided for in this paragraph shall be set in accordance with paragraph 7 of this Article and Article 10(4).

In 2027, 600 million allowances covered by this Chapter shall be created as holdings in the market stability reserve pursuant to Article 1a(3) of Decision (EU) 2015/1814.

3. 150 million allowances issued under this Chapter shall be auctioned and all revenues from those auctions made available for the Social Climate Fund established by Regulation (EU) 2023/955 until 2032.

4. From the remaining amount of allowances and in order to generate, together with the revenue from the allowances referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article and Article 10a(8b) of this Directive, a maximum amount of EUR 65 000 000 000, the Commission shall ensure that an additional amount of allowances covered by this Chapter is auctioned and the revenues from those auctions are made available for the Social Climate Fund established by Regulation (EU) 2023/955 until 2032.

The Commission shall ensure that the allowances destined for the Social Climate Fund referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article and in this paragraph are auctioned in accordance with the principles and modalities referred to in Article 10(4) and the delegated acts adopted pursuant to that Article.

The revenues from the auctioning of the allowances referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article and in this paragraph shall constitute external assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, and shall be used in accordance with the rules applicable to the Social Climate Fund.

The annual amount allocated to the Social Climate Fund in accordance with Article 10a(8b), paragraph 3 of this Article and this paragraph shall not exceed:

- (a) for 2026, EUR 4 000 000 000;
- (b) for 2027, EUR 10 900 000 000;
- (c) for 2028, EUR 10 500 000 000;
- (d) for 2029, EUR 10 300 000 000;
- (e) for 2030, EUR 10 100 000 000;
- (f) for 2031, EUR 9 800 000 000;
- (g) for 2032, EUR 9 400 000 000.

Where the emissions trading system established in accordance with this Chapter is postponed until 2028 pursuant to Article 30k, the maximum amount to be made available to the Social Climate Fund in accordance with the first subparagraph of this paragraph shall be EUR 54 600 000 000. In such a case, the annual amounts allocated to the Social Climate Fund shall not exceed cumulatively for the years 2026 and 2027, EUR 4 000 000 000, and for the period from 1 January 2028 until 31 December 2032, the relevant annual amount shall not exceed:

- (a) for 2028, EUR 11 400 000 000;
- (b) for 2029, EUR 10 300 000 000;
- (c) for 2030, EUR 10 100 000 000;
- (d) for 2031, EUR 9 800 000 000;
- (e) for 2032, EUR 9 000 000 000.

Where revenue generated from the auctioning referred to in paragraph 5 of this Article is established as an own resource in accordance with Article 311, third paragraph, TFEU, Article 10a(8b) of this Directive, paragraph 3 of this Article and this paragraph shall not be applicable.

- 5. The total quantity of allowances covered by this Chapter, after deducting the quantities set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Article, shall be auctioned by the Member States and distributed amongst them in shares that are identical to the share of reference emissions under Article 4(2) of Regulation (EU) 2018/842 for the categories of emission sources referred to in the second paragraph, points (b), (c) and (d), of Annex III to this Directive for the average of the period from 2016 to 2018 of the Member State concerned, as comprehensively reviewed pursuant to Article 4(3) of that Regulation.
- 6. Member States shall determine the use of revenues generated from the auctioning of allowances referred to in paragraph 5 of this Article, except for the revenues constituting external assigned revenue in accordance with paragraph 4 of this Article or the revenues established as own resources in accordance with Article 311, third paragraph, TFEU and entered in the Union budget. Member States shall use their revenues or the equivalent in financial value of those revenues for one or more of the purposes referred to in Article 10(3) of this Directive, giving priority to activities that can contribute to addressing social aspects of the emissions trading under this Chapter, or for one or more of the following:
- (a) measures intended to contribute to the decarbonisation of heating and cooling of buildings or to the reduction of the energy needs of buildings, including the integration of renewable energies and related measures in accordance with Article 7(11) and Articles 12 and 20 of Directive 2012/27/EU, as well as measures to provide financial support for low-income households in worst-performing buildings;
- (b) measures intended to accelerate the uptake of zero-emission vehicles or to provide financial support for the deployment of fully interoperable refuelling and recharging infrastructure for zero-emission vehicles, or measures to encourage a shift to public transport and improve multimodality, or to provide financial support in order to address social aspects concerning low- and middle-income transport users;
- (c) to finance their Social Climate Plan in accordance with Article 15 of Regulation (EU) 2023/955;
- (d) to provide financial compensation to the final consumers of fuels in cases where it has not been possible to avoid double counting of emissions or where allowances have been surrendered for emissions not covered by this Chapter as referred to in Article 30f(5).

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Member States shall be deemed to have fulfilled the provisions of this paragraph if they have in place and implement fiscal or financial support policies or regulatory policies which leverage financial support, established for the purposes set out in the first subparagraph of this paragraph, and which have a value equivalent to the revenues referred to in that subparagraph generated from the auctioning of allowances referred to in this Chapter.

Member States shall inform the Commission as to the use of revenues and the actions taken pursuant to this paragraph by including this information in their reports submitted under Regulation (EU) 2018/1999.

7. Article 10(4) and (5) shall apply to the allowances issued under this Chapter.

#### Article 30e

#### Transfer, surrender and cancellation of allowances

- 1. Article 12 shall apply to the emissions, regulated entities and allowances covered by this Chapter, with the exception of paragraphs 3 and 3a, paragraph 4, second and third sentence, and paragraph 5 of that Article. For that purpose:
- (a) any reference to emissions shall be read as if it were a reference to the emissions covered by this Chapter;
- (b) any reference to operators of installations shall be read as if it were a reference to the regulated entities covered by this Chapter;
- (c) any reference to allowances shall be read as if it were a reference to the allowances covered by this Chapter.
- 2. From 1 January 2028, Member States shall ensure that, by 31 May each year, the regulated entity surrenders an amount of allowances covered by this Chapter that is equal to the regulated entity's total emissions, corresponding to the quantity of fuels released for consumption pursuant to Annex III, during the preceding calendar year as verified in accordance with Articles 15 and 30f, and that those allowances are subsequently cancelled.
- 3. Until 31 December 2030, by way of derogation from paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article, where a regulated entity established in a given Member State is subject to a national carbon tax in force for the years 2027 to 2030, covering the activity referred to in Annex III, the competent authority of the Member State concerned may exempt that regulated entity from the obligation to surrender allowances under paragraph 2 of this Article for a given reference year, provided that:

- (a) the Member State concerned notifies the Commission of that national carbon tax by 31 December 2023, and the national law setting the tax rates applicable for the years 2027 to 2030 has, by that date, entered into force; the Member State concerned shall notify the Commission of any subsequent change to the national carbon tax;
- (b) for the reference year, the national carbon tax of the Member State concerned effectively paid by that regulated entity is higher than the average auction clearing price of the emissions trading system established under this Chapter;
- (c) the regulated entity fully complies with the obligations under Article 30b on greenhouse emissions permits and Article 30f on monitoring, reporting and verification of its emissions;
- (d) the Member State concerned notifies the Commission of the application of any such exemption and the corresponding amount of allowances to be cancelled in accordance with point (g) of this subparagraph and the delegated acts adopted pursuant to Article 10(4), by 31 May of the year after the reference year;
- (e) the Commission does not raise an objection to the application of the derogation on the ground that the measure notified is not in conformity with the conditions set out in this paragraph, within three months of a notification under point (a) of this subparagraph or within one month of the notification for the relevant year under point (d) of this subparagraph;
- (f) the Member State concerned does not auction the amount of allowances referred to in Article 30d(5) for a particular reference year until the amount of allowances to be cancelled under this paragraph is determined in accordance with point (g) of this subparagraph; the Member State concerned shall not auction any of the additional amount of allowances pursuant to Article 30d(2), first subparagraph;
- (g) the Member State concerned cancels an amount of allowances from the total quantity of allowances to be auctioned by it, referred to in Article 30d(5), for the reference year, which is equal to the verified emissions of that regulated entity under this Chapter for the reference year; where the amount of allowances that remains to be auctioned in the reference year following application of point (f) of this subparagraph is below the amount of allowances to be cancelled under this paragraph, the Member State concerned shall ensure that it cancels the amount of allowances corresponding to the difference by the end of the year after the reference year; and

(h) the Member State concerned commits, at the time of the first notification under point (a) of this subparagraph, to using for one or more of the measures listed or referred to in Article 30d(6), first subparagraph, an amount equivalent to the revenues to which Article 30d(6) would have applied in the absence of this derogation; Article 30d(6), second and third subparagraphs, shall apply and the Commission shall ensure that the information received pursuant thereto is in conformity with the commitment made under this point.

The amount of allowances to be cancelled under the first subparagraph, point (g), of this paragraph shall not affect the external assigned revenue established pursuant to Article 30d(4) of this Directive or, where it has been established pursuant to Article 311, third paragraph, TFEU, the own resources of the Union budget pursuant to Council Decision (EU, Euratom) 2020/2053 (¹) from the revenues generated from auctioning of allowances in accordance with Article 30d of this Directive.

4. Hospitals which are not covered by Chapter III may be provided with financial compensation for the cost passed on to them due to the surrender of allowances under this Chapter. For that purpose, the provisions of this Chapter applicable to cases of double counting shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

## Article 30f

#### Monitoring, reporting, verification of emissions and accreditation

- 1. Articles 14 and 15 shall apply to the emissions, regulated entities and allowances covered by this Chapter. For that purpose:
- (a) any reference to emissions shall be read as if it were a reference to the emissions covered by this Chapter;
- (b) any reference to an activity listed in Annex I shall be read as if it were a reference to the activity referred to in Annex III;
- (c) any reference to operators shall be read as if it were a reference to the regulated entities covered by this Chapter;
- (d) any reference to allowances shall be read as if it were a reference to the allowances covered by this Chapter;
- (e) the reference to the date in Article 15 shall be read as if it were a reference to 30 April.

<sup>(1)</sup> Council Decision (EU, Euratom) 2020/2053 of 14 December 2020 on the system of own resources of the European Union and repealing Decision 2014/335/EU, Euratom (OJ L 424, 15.12.2020, p. 1).

- 2. Member States shall ensure that each regulated entity monitors for each calendar year from 2025 the emissions corresponding to the quantities of fuels released for consumption pursuant to Annex III. They shall also ensure that each regulated entity reports those emissions to the competent authority in the following year, starting in 2026, in accordance with the implementing acts referred to in Article 14(1).
- 3. From 1 January 2028, Member States shall ensure that, by 30 April each year until 2030, each regulated entity reports the average share of costs related to the surrender of allowances under this Chapter which it passed on to consumers for the preceding year. The Commission shall adopt implementing acts concerning the requirements and templates for those reports. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 22a(2). The Commission shall assess the submitted reports and annually report its findings to the European Parliament and to the Council. Where the Commission finds that improper practices exist with regard to the passing on of carbon costs, the report may be accompanied, where appropriate, by legislative proposals aimed at addressing such improper practices.
- 4. Member States shall ensure that each regulated entity holding a permit in accordance with Article 30b on 1 January 2025 reports its historical emissions for the year 2024 by 30 April 2025.
- 5. Member States shall ensure that the regulated entities are able to identify and document reliably and accurately, per type of fuel, the precise quantities of fuel released for consumption which are used for combustion in the sectors referred to in Annex III, and the final use of the fuels released for consumption by the regulated entities. The Member States shall take appropriate measures to limit the risk of double counting of emissions covered under this Chapter and the emissions under Chapters II and III, as well as the risk of allowances being surrendered for emissions not covered by this Chapter.

The Commission shall adopt implementing acts concerning the detailed rules for avoiding double counting and allowances being surrendered for emissions not covered by this Chapter, as well as for providing financial compensation to the final consumers of the fuels in cases where such double counting or surrender cannot be avoided. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 22a(2). The calculation of the financial compensation for the final consumers of the fuels shall be based on the average price of allowances in the auctions carried out in accordance with the delegated acts adopted pursuant to Article 10(4) in the relevant reporting year.

6. The principles for monitoring and reporting of emissions covered by this Chapter are set out in Part C of Annex IV.

- 7. The criteria for the verification of emissions covered by this Chapter are set out in Part C of Annex V.
- 8. Member States may allow simplified monitoring, reporting and verification measures for regulated entities whose annual emissions corresponding to the quantities of fuels released for consumption are less than 1 000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent, in accordance with the implementing acts referred to in Article 14(1).

#### Article 30g

#### Administration

Articles 13 and 15a, Article 16(1), (2), (3), (4) and (12), and Articles 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 22a, 23 and 29 shall apply to the emissions, regulated entities and allowances covered by this Chapter. For that purpose:

- (a) any reference to emissions shall be read as if it were a reference to emissions covered by this Chapter;
- (b) any reference to operators shall be read as if it were a reference to regulated entities covered by this Chapter;
- (c) any reference to allowances shall be read as if it were a reference to the allowances covered by this Chapter.

## Article 30h

#### Measures in the event of an excessive price increase

1. Where, for more than three consecutive months, the average price of allowances in the auctions carried out in accordance with the delegated acts adopted pursuant to Article 10(4) of this Directive is more than twice the average price of allowances during the six preceding consecutive months in the auctions for the allowances covered by this Chapter, 50 million allowances covered by this Chapter shall be released from the market stability reserve in accordance with Article 1a(7) of Decision (EU) 2015/1814.

For the years 2027 and 2028, the condition referred to in the first subparagraph shall be met where, for more than three consecutive months, the average price of allowances is more than 1,5 times the average price of allowances during the reference period of the six preceding consecutive months.

2. Where the average price of allowances referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article exceeds a price of EUR 45 for a period of two consecutive months, 20 million allowances covered by this Chapter shall be released from the market stability reserve in accordance with Article 1a(7) of Decision (EU) 2015/1814. Indexation based on the European index of consumer prices for 2020 shall apply. Allowances shall be released through the mechanism provided for in this paragraph up to 31 December 2029.

- 3. Where the average price of allowances referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article is more than three times the average price of allowances during the six preceding consecutive months, 150 million allowances covered by this Chapter shall be released from the market stability reserve in accordance with Article 1a(7) of Decision (EU) 2015/1814.
- 4. Where the condition referred to in paragraph 2 has been met on the same day as the condition referred to in paragraph 1 or 3, additional allowances shall be released only pursuant to paragraph 1 or 3.
- 5. Before 31 December 2029, the Commission shall present a report to the European Parliament and to the Council in which it assesses whether the mechanism referred to in paragraph 2 has been effective and whether it should be continued. The Commission shall, where appropriate, accompany that report with a legislative proposal to the European Parliament and to the Council to amend this Directive to adjust that mechanism.
- 6. Where one or more of the conditions referred to in paragraph 1, 2 or 3 have been met and resulted in a release of allowances, additional allowances shall not be released pursuant to this Article earlier than 12 months thereafter.
- 7. Where, within the second half of the period of 12 months referred to in paragraph 6 of this Article, the condition referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article has been met again, the Commission shall, assisted by the Committee established by Article 44 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1999, assess the effectiveness of the measure and may by means of an implementing act decide that paragraph 6 of this Article is not to apply. That implementing act shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 22a(2) of this Directive.
- 8. Where one or more of the conditions referred to in paragraph 1, 2 or 3 have been met and paragraph 6 is not applicable, the Commission shall promptly publish a notice in the *Official Journal of the European Union* concerning the date on which that or those conditions were met.
- 9. Member States that are subject to the obligation to provide a corrective action plan in accordance with Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2018/842 shall take due account of the effects of a release of additional allowances pursuant to paragraph 2 of this Article during the previous two years when considering additional actions to be implemented as referred to in Article 8(1), first subparagraph, point (c), of that Regulation in order to meet their obligations under that Regulation.

#### Article 30i

## Review of this Chapter

By 1 January 2028, the Commission shall report to the European Parliament and to the Council on the implementation of the provisions of this Chapter with regard to their effectiveness, administration and practical application, including on the application of the rules under Decision (EU) 2015/1814. Where appropriate, the Commission shall accompany that report with a legislative proposal to amend this Chapter. By 31 October 2031, the Commission shall assess the feasibility of integrating the sectors covered by Annex III to this Directive into the EU ETS covering the sectors listed in Annex I to this Directive.

## Article 30j

## Procedures for unilateral extension of the activity referred to in Annex III to other sectors not subject to Chapters II and III

1. From 2027, Member States may extend the activity referred to in Annex III to sectors that are not listed in that Annex and thereby apply emissions trading in accordance with this Chapter in such sectors, taking into account all relevant criteria, in particular the effects on the internal market, potential distortions of competition, the environmental integrity of the emissions trading system established pursuant to this Chapter and the reliability of the planned monitoring and reporting system, provided that the extension of the activity referred to in that Annex is approved by the Commission.

The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 23 to supplement this Directive concerning the approval of an extension as referred to in the first subparagraph of this paragraph, authorisation for the issue of additional allowances and authorisation of other Member States to extend the activity referred to in Annex III. The Commission may also, when adopting such delegated acts, supplement the extension with further rules governing measures to address possible instances of double counting, including for the issue of additional allowances to compensate for allowances surrendered for use of fuels in activities listed in Annex I. Any financial measures by Member States in favour of companies in sectors and subsectors which are exposed to a genuine risk of carbon leakage, due to significant indirect costs that are incurred from greenhouse gas emission costs passed on in fuel prices due to the unilateral extension, shall be in accordance with State aid rules, and shall not cause undue distortions of competition in the internal market.

2. Additional allowances issued pursuant to an authorisation under this Article shall be auctioned in line with the requirements laid down in Article 30d. Notwithstanding Article 30d(1) to (6), Member States having unilaterally extended the activity referred to in Annex III in accordance with this Article shall determine the use of revenues generated from the auctioning of those additional allowances.

#### Article 30k

## Postponement of emissions trading for buildings, road transport and additional sectors until 2028 in the event of exceptionally high energy prices

- 1. By 15 July 2026, the Commission shall publish a notice in the *Official Journal of the European Union* concerning whether one or both of the following conditions have been met:
- (a) the average TTF gas price for the six calendar months ending 30 June 2026 was higher than the average TTF gas price in February and March 2022;
- (b) the average Brent crude oil price for the six calendar months ending 30 June 2026 was more than twice the average Brent crude oil price during the five preceding years; the five-year reference period shall be the five-year period that ends before the first month of the period of six calendar months.
- 2. Where one or both of the conditions referred to in paragraph 1 are met, the following rules shall apply:
- (a) by way of derogation from Article 30c(1), the first year for which the Union-wide quantity of allowances is established shall be 2028 and, by way of derogation from Article 30c(3), the first year for which the Union-wide quantity of allowances is adjusted shall be 2029;
- (b) by way of derogation from Article 30d(1) and (2), the start of auctioning of allowances under this Chapter shall be postponed to 2028;
- (c) by way of derogation from Article 30d(2), the additional amount of allowances for the first year of auctions shall be deducted from the auction volumes for the period from 2030 to 2032 and the initial holdings in the market stability reserve shall be created in 2028;
- (d) by way of derogation from Article 30e(2), the deadline for initial surrendering of allowances shall be put back to 31 May 2029 for total emissions in the year 2028;
- (e) by way of derogation from Article 30i, the deadline for the Commission to report to the European Parliament and to the Council shall be put back to 1 January 2029.

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## CHAPTER IVb

### SCIENTIFIC ADVICE AND VISIBILITY OF FUNDING

### Article 30l

## Scientific advice

The European Scientific Advisory Board on Climate Change (the 'Advisory Board') established under Article 10a of Regulation (EC) No 401/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council (1) may, on its own initiative, provide scientific advice and issue reports regarding this Directive. The Commission shall take into account the relevant advice and reports of the Advisory Board, in particular as regards:

- (a) the need for additional Union policies and measures to ensure compliance with the objectives and targets referred to in Article 30(3) of this Directive;
- (b) the need for additional Union policies and measures in view of agreements on global measures within ICAO to reduce the climate impact of aviation, and of the ambition and environmental integrity of the global market-based measure of the IMO referred to in Article 3gg of this Directive.

## Article 30m

## Information, communication and publicity

- 1. The Commission shall ensure the visibility of funding from EU ETS auctioning revenues referred to in Article 10a(8) by:
- (a) ensuring that the beneficiaries of such funding acknowledge the origin of those funds and ensure the visibility of the Union funding, in particular when promoting the projects and their results, by providing coherent, effective and proportionate targeted information to multiple audiences, including the media and the public; and
- (b) ensuring that the recipients of such funding use an appropriate label that reads '(co-)funded by the EU Emissions Trading System (the Innovation Fund)', as well as the emblem of the Union and the amount of funding; where the use of that label is not feasible, the Innovation Fund shall be mentioned in all communication activities, including on notice boards at strategic places visible to the public.

The Commission shall in the delegated act referred to in Article 10a(8) set out the necessary requirements to ensure the visibility of funding from the Innovation Fund, including a requirement to mention that Fund.

<sup>(</sup>¹) Regulation (EC) No 401/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009 on the European Environment Agency and the European Environment Information and Observation Network (OJ L 126, 21.5.2009, p. 13).

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- 2. Member States shall ensure the visibility of funding from EU ETS auctioning revenues referred to in Article 10d corresponding to what is referred to in paragraph 1, first subparagraph, points (a) and (b), of this Article, including through a requirement to mention the Modernisation Fund.
- 3. Taking into account national circumstances, the Member States shall endeavour to ensure the visibility of the source of the funding of actions or projects funded from the EU ETS auctioning revenues of which they determine the use in accordance with Article 3d(4), Article 10(3) and Article 30d(6).

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## CHAPTER V

## FINAL PROVISIONS

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### Article 31

### **Implementation**

1. Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive by 31 December 2003 at the latest. They shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof. The Commission shall notify the other Member States of these laws, regulations and administrative provisions.

When Member States adopt these measures, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or be accompanied by such a reference on the occasion of their official publication. The methods of making such reference shall be laid down by Member States.

2. Member States shall communicate to the Commission the text of the provisions of national law which they adopt in the field covered by this Directive. The Commission shall inform the other Member States thereof.

## Article 32

## Entry into force

This Directive shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

### Article 33

## Addressees

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

#### ANNEX I

## CATEGORIES OF ACTIVITIES TO WHICH THIS DIRECTIVE APPLIES

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1. Installations or parts of installations used for research, development and testing of new products and processes are not covered by this Directive. Installations where during the preceding relevant five-year period referred to in Article 11(1), second subparagraph, emissions from the combustion of biomass that complies with the criteria set out pursuant to Article 14 contribute on average to more than 95 % of the total average greenhouse gas emissions are not covered by this Directive.

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The thresholds values given below generally refer to production capacities or outputs. Where several activities falling under the same category are carried out in the same installation, the capacities of such activities are added together.

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3. When the total rated thermal input of an installation is calculated in order to decide upon its inclusion in the EU ETS, the rated thermal inputs of all technical units which are part of it, in which fuels are combusted within the installation, shall be added together. Those units may include all types of boilers, burners, turbines, heaters, furnaces, incinerators, calciners, kilns, ovens, dryers, engines, fuel cells, chemical looping combustion units, flares, and thermal or catalytic post-combustion units. Units with a rated thermal input under 3 MW shall not be taken into account for the purposes of this calculation.

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- 4. If a unit serves an activity for which the threshold is not expressed as total rated thermal input, the threshold of this activity shall take precedence for the decision about the inclusion in the ►M9 EU ETS ◄.
- 5. When the capacity threshold of any activity in this Annex is found to be exceeded in an installation, all units in which fuels are combusted, other than units for the incineration of hazardous or municipal waste, shall be included in the greenhouse gas emission permit.
- From 1 January 2012 all flights which arrive at or depart from an aerodrome situated in the territory of a Member State to which the Treaty applies shall be included.

	Activities	Greenhouse gases
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	Combustion of fuels in installations with a total rated thermal input exceeding 20 MW (except in installations for the incineration of hazardous or municipal waste)  From 1 January 2024, combustion of fuels in installations for the incineration of municipal waste with a total rated thermal input exceeding 20 MW, for the purposes of Articles 14 and 15.	Carbon dioxide
	Refining of oil, where combustion units with a total rated thermal input exceeding 20 MW are operated	Carbon dioxide
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	Production of coke	Carbon dioxide

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	Activities	Greenhouse gases
	Metal ore (including sulphide ore) roasting or sintering, including pelletisation	Carbon dioxide
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	Production of iron or steel (primary or secondary fusion) including continuous casting, with a capacity exceeding 2,5 tonnes per hour	Carbon dioxide
<b>▼</b> <u>M4</u>		
	Production or processing of ferrous metals (including ferro-alloys) where combustion units with a total rated thermal input exceeding 20 MW are operated. Processing includes, inter alia, rolling mills, re-heaters, annealing furnaces, smitheries, foundries, coating and pickling	Carbon dioxide
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	Production of primary aluminium or alumina	Carbon dioxide and perfluorocarbons
<b>▼</b> <u>M4</u>		
	Production of secondary aluminium where combustion units with a total rated thermal input exceeding 20 MW are operated	Carbon dioxide
	Production or processing of non-ferrous metals, including production of alloys, refining, foundry casting, etc., where combustion units with a total rated thermal input (including fuels used as reducing agents) exceeding 20 MW are operated	Carbon dioxide
	Production of cement clinker in rotary kilns with a production capacity exceeding 500 tonnes per day or in other furnaces with a production capacity exceeding 50 tonnes per day	Carbon dioxide
	Production of lime or calcination of dolomite or magnesite in rotary kilns or in other furnaces with a production capacity exceeding 50 tonnes per day	Carbon dioxide
	Manufacture of glass including glass fibre with a melting capacity exceeding 20 tonnes per day	Carbon dioxide
	Manufacture of ceramic products by firing, in particular roofing tiles, bricks, refractory bricks, tiles, stoneware or porcelain, with a production capacity exceeding 75 tonnes per day	Carbon dioxide

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	Activities	Greenhouse gases
	Manufacture of mineral wool insulation material using glass, rock or slag with a melting capacity exceeding 20 tonnes per day	Carbon dioxide
<b>▼</b> <u>M15</u>		
	Drying or calcination of gypsum or production of plaster boards and other gypsum products, with a production capacity of calcined gypsum or dried secondary gypsum exceeding a total of 20 tonnes per day	Carbon dioxide
<b>▼</b> <u>M4</u>		
	Production of pulp from timber or other fibrous materials	Carbon dioxide
	Production of paper or cardboard with a production capacity exceeding 20 tonnes per day	Carbon dioxide
<b>▼</b> <u>M15</u>		
	Production of carbon black involving the carbon- isation of organic substances such as oils, tars, cracker and distillation residues with a production capacity exceeding 50 tonnes per day	Carbon dioxide
<b>▼</b> <u>M4</u>		
	Production of nitric acid	Carbon dioxide and nitrous oxide
	Production of adipic acid	Carbon dioxide and nitrous oxide
	Production of glyoxal and glyoxylic acid	Carbon dioxide and nitrous oxide
	Production of ammonia	Carbon dioxide
	Production of bulk organic chemicals by cracking, reforming, partial or full oxidation or by similar processes, with a production capacity exceeding 100 tonnes per day	Carbon dioxide
<b>▼</b> <u>M15</u>		
	Production of hydrogen $(H_2)$ and synthesis gas with a production capacity exceeding 5 tonnes per day	Carbon dioxide
<b>▼</b> <u>M4</u>		
	Production of soda ash $(Na_2CO_3)$ and sodium bicarbonate $(NaHCO_3)$	Carbon dioxide
	Capture of greenhouse gases from installations covered by this Directive for the purpose of transport and geological storage in a storage site permitted under Directive 2009/31/EC	Carbon dioxide
<b>▼</b> <u>M15</u>		
	Transport of greenhouse gases for geological storage in a storage site permitted under Directive 2009/31/EC, with the exclusion of those emissions covered by another activity under this Directive	Carbon dioxide

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Activities	Greenhouse gases
Geological storage of greenhouse gases in a storage site permitted under Directive 2009/31/EC	Carbon dioxide
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Aviation

Carbon dioxide

- ▶ M14 Flights between aerodromes that are located in two different States that are listed in the implementing act adopted pursuant to Article 25a(3) and flights between Switzerland or the United Kingdom and States that are listed in the implementing act adopted pursuant to Article 25a(3) and, for the purposes of Article 12(6) and (8) and Article 28c, any other flight between aerodromes that are located in two different third countries by aircraft operators that fulfil all of the following conditions:
- (a) the aircraft operators hold an air operator certificate issued by a Member State or are registered in a Member State, including in the outermost regions, dependencies and territories of that Member State; and
- (b) they produce annual CO<sub>2</sub> emissions greater than 10 000 tonnes from the use of aeroplanes with a maximum certified take-off mass greater than 5 700 kg conducting flights covered by this Annex, other than those departing and arriving in the same Member State, including outermost regions of the same Member State, from 1 January 2021; for the purposes of this point, emissions from the following types of flights shall not be taken into account:
  - (i) State flights;
  - (ii) humanitarian flights;
  - (iii) medical flights;
  - (iv) military flights;
  - (v) firefighting flights;
  - (vi) flights preceding or following a humanitarian, medical or firefighting flight provided that such flights were conducted with the same aircraft and were required to accomplish the related humanitarian, medical or firefighting activities or to reposition the aircraft after those activities for its next activity. ◀

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Activities Greenhouse gases Flights which depart from or arrive in an aerodrome situated in the territory of a Member-State to which the Treaty applies. This activity shall not include: (a) flights performed exclusively for the transport, on official mission, of a reigning Monarch and his immediate family, Heads of State, Heads of Government and Government Ministers, of a country other than a Member State, where this is substantiated by an appropriate status indicator in the flight (b) military flights performed by military aircraft and customs and police flights; (c) flights related to search and rescue, firefighting flights, humanitarian flights and emergency medical service flights authorised by the appropriate competent authority; (d) any flights performed exclusively under visual flight rules as defined in Annex 2 to the Chicago Convention; (e) flights terminating at the aerodrome from which the aircraft has taken off and during which no intermediate landing has been made; (f) training flights performed exclusively for the purpose of obtaining a licence, or a rating in the case of cockpit flight crew where this is substantiated by an appropriate remark in the flight plan provided that the flight does not serve for the transport of passengers and/or cargo or for the positioning or ferrying of the aircraft; (g) flights performed exclusively for the purpose of scientific research or for the purpose of checking, testing or certifying aircraft or equipment whether airborne or groundbased; (h) flights performed by aircraft with a certified maximum take-off mass of less than 5 700 kg;

(i) flights performed in the framework of public service obligations imposed in accordance with Regulation (EEC) No 2408/92 on routes within outermost regions, as specified in Article 299(2) of the Treaty, or on routes where the capacity offered does not exceed

► M14 50 000  $\blacktriangleleft$  seats per year;

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	Activities	Greenhouse gases
w	ights which, but for this point, would fall ithin this activity, performed by a comercial air transport operator operating ther:	
_	- fewer than 243 flights per period for three consecutive four-month periods, or	
_	- flights with total annual emissions lower than 10 000 tonnes per year.	
(n po ar St m	M11 Flights referred to in points (I) and n or performed exclusively for the transport, on official mission, of reigning Monchs and their immediate family, Heads of tate, Heads of Government and Government Ministers, of a Member State may not be excluded under this point; ◀	
► <u>M11</u>	L (k) from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2030, flights which, but for this point, would fall within this activity, performed by a non-commercial aircraft operator operating flights with total annual emissions lower than 1 000 tonnes per year (including emissions from flights referred to in points (l) and (m)); ◀	
► <u>M10</u>	① (1) flights from aerodromes situated in Switzerland to aerodromes situated in the EEA; ◀	
► <u>M1</u>	(m) flights from aerodromes situated in the United Kingdom to aerodromes situated in the EEA. ◀	
Maritin	ne transport	Carbon dioxide
lation ( maritim Article	ne transport activities covered by Regu- EU) 2015/757 with the exception of the ne transport activities covered by 2(1a) and, until 31 December 2026, 2(1b) of that Regulation	From 1 January 2026, methane and nitrous oxide

## ANNEX II

## GREENHOUSE GASES REFERRED TO IN ARTICLES 3 AND 30

Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)

Methane (CH<sub>4</sub>)

Nitrous Oxide (N2O)

Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs)

Perfluorocarbons (PFCs)

Sulphur Hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>)

## ANNEX IIa

Increases in the percentage of allowances to be auctioned by Member States pursuant to Article 10(2)(a), for the purpose of ▶ M9 Union ◀ solidarity and growth in order to reduce emissions and adapt to the effects of climate change

		Member State share
<b>▼</b> <u>M9</u>		
<b>▼</b> <u>M4</u>		
	Bulgaria	53 %
	Czech Republic	31 %
	Estonia	42 %
	Greece	17 %
	Spain	13 %
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	Croatia	26 %
<b>▼</b> <u>M9</u>		
<b>▼</b> <u>M4</u>		
	Cyprus	20 %
	Latvia	56 %
	Lithuania	46 %
<b>▼</b> <u>M9</u>		
<b>▼</b> <u>M4</u>		
	Hungary	28 %
	Malta	23 %
	Poland	39 %
	Portugal	16 %
	Romania	53 %
	Slovenia	20 %
	Slovakia	41 %
▼ <u>M9</u>		

## ANNEX IIb

## PART A

## DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FROM THE MODERNISATION FUND CORRESPONDING TO ARTICLE 10(1), THIRD SUBPARAGRAPH

	Share
Bulgaria	5,84 %
Czechia	15,59 %
Estonia	2,78 %
Croatia	3,14 %
Latvia	1,44 %
Lithuania	2,57 %
Hungary	7,12 %
Poland	43,41 %
Romania	11,98 %
Slovakia	6,13 %

## PART B

# DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FROM THE MODERNISATION FUND CORRESPONDING TO ARTICLE 10(1), FOURTH SUBPARAGRAPH

	Share
Bulgaria	4,9 %
Czechia	12,6 %
Estonia	2,1 %
Greece	10,1 %
Croatia	2,3 %
Latvia	1,0 %
Lithuania	1,9 %
Hungary	5,8 %
Poland	34,2 %
Portugal	8,6 %
Romania	9,7 %
Slovakia	4,8 %
Slovenia	2,0 %

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## ANNEX III

## ACTIVITY COVERED BY CHAPTER IVa

Activity	Greenhouse gases
Release for consumption of fuels which are used for combustion in the buildings, road transport and additional sectors. This activity shall not include:	Carbon dioxide
(a) the release for consumption of fuels used in the activities listed in Annex I, except if used for combustion in the activities of transport of greenhouse gases for geological storage as set out in the table, row twenty seven, of that Annex or if used for combustion in installations excluded under Article 27a;	
(b) the release for consumption of fuels for which the emission factor is zero;	
(c) the release for consumption of hazardous or municipal waste used as fuel.	
The buildings and road transport sectors shall correspond to the following sources of emissions, defined in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories, with the necessary modifications to those definitions as follows:	
(a) Combined Heat and Power Generation (CHP) (source category code 1A1a ii) and Heat Plants (source category code 1A1a iii), insofar as they produce heat for categories under points (c) and (d) of this paragraph, either directly or through district heating networks;	
(b) Road Transportation (source category code 1A3b), excluding the use of agricultural vehicles on paved roads;	
(c) Commercial / Institutional (source category code 1A4a);	
(d) Residential (source category code 1A4b).	
Additional sectors shall correspond to the following sources of emissions, defined in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories:	
(a) Energy Industries (source category code 1A1), excluding the categories defined under the second paragraph, point (a), of this Annex;	
(b) Manufacturing Industries and Construction (source category code 1A2).	

#### ANNEX IIIa

## ADJUSTMENT OF LINEAR REDUCTION FACTOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 30c(2)

- 1. If the average emissions reported under Chapter IVa for the years 2024 to 2026 are more than 2 % higher compared to the value of the 2025 quantity defined in accordance with Article 30c(1), and if those differences are not due to the difference of less than 5 % between the emissions reported under Chapter IVa and the inventory data of 2025 Union greenhouse gas emissions from UNFCCC source categories for the sectors covered under Chapter IVa, the linear reduction factor shall be calculated by adjusting the linear reduction factor referred to in Article 30c(1).
- The adjusted linear reduction factor in accordance with point 1 shall be determined as follows:

 $LRF_{adj} = 100\% * [MRV_{[2024-2026]} - (ESR_{[2024]} - 6* LRF_{[2024]} * ESR_{[2024]})]/(5* MRV_{[2024-2026]}), where,$ 

 $LRF_{adj}$  is the adjusted linear reduction factor;

 $MRV_{[2024\text{-}2026]}$  is the average of verified emissions under Chapter IVa for the years 2024 to 2026;

 $\mathrm{ESR}_{[2024]}$  is the value of 2024 emissions defined in accordance with Article 30c(1) for the sectors covered under Chapter IVa;

LRF[ $_{2024}$ ] is the linear reduction factor referred to in Article 30c(1).

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#### ANNEX IV

## PRINCIPLES FOR MONITORING AND REPORTING REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 14(1)

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PART A — Monitoring and reporting of emissions from stationary installations

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### Monitoring of carbon dioxide emissions

Emissions shall be monitored either by calculation or on the basis of measurement.

#### Calculation

Calculations of emissions shall be performed using the formula:

Activity data × Emission factor × Oxidation factor

Activity data (fuel used, production rate etc.) shall be monitored on the basis of supply data or measurement.

Accepted emission factors shall be used. Activity-specific emission factors are acceptable for all fuels. Default factors are acceptable for all fuels except noncommercial ones (waste fuels such as tyres and industrial process gases). Seam-specific defaults for coal, and EU-specific or producer country-specific defaults for natural gas shall be further elaborated. IPCC default values are acceptable for refinery products. ▶ M15 The emission factor for biomass that complies with the sustainability criteria and greenhouse gas emission-saving criteria for the use of biomass established by Directive (EU) 2018/2001, with any necessary adjustments for application under this Directive, as set out in the implementing acts referred to in Article 14 of this Directive, shall be zero. ◀

If the emission factor does not take account of the fact that some of the carbon is not oxidised, then an additional oxidation factor shall be used. If activity-specific emission factors have been calculated and already take oxidation into account, then an oxidation factor need not be applied.

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Default oxidation factors developed pursuant to Directive 2010/75/EU shall be used, unless the operator can demonstrate that activity-specific factors are more accurate.

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A separate calculation shall be made for each activity, installation and for each fuel.

### Measurement

Measurement of emissions shall use standardised or accepted methods, and shall be corroborated by a supporting calculation of emissions.

## Monitoring of emissions of other greenhouse gases

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Standardised or accepted methods, developed by the Commission in collaboration with all relevant stakeholders and adopted pursuant to Article 14(1), shall be used.

### Reporting of emissions

Each operator shall include the following information in the report for an installation:

A. Data identifying the installation, including: - Name of the installation; - Its address, including postcode and country; - Type and number of Annex I activities carried out in the installation; - Address, telephone, fax and email details for a contact person; and - Name of the owner of the installation, and of any parent company. B. For each Annex I activity carried out on the site for which emissions are calculated: - Activity data; Emission factors; Oxidation factors; - Total emissions; and - Uncertainty. C. For each Annex I activity carried out on the site for which emissions are measured: - Total emissions; - Information on the reliability of measurement methods; and - Uncertainty. D. For emissions from combustion, the report shall also include the oxidation factor, unless oxidation has already been taken into account in the develop-

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businesses.

## PART B — Monitoring and reporting of emissions from aviation activities Monitoring of carbon dioxide emissions

Member States shall take measures to coordinate reporting requirements with any existing reporting requirements in order to minimise the reporting burden on

Emissions shall be monitored by calculation. Emissions shall be calculated using the formula:

### Fuel consumption × emission factor

ment of an activity-specific emission factor.

Fuel consumption shall include fuel consumed by the auxiliary power unit. Actual fuel consumption for each flight shall be used wherever possible and shall be calculated using the formula:

Amount of fuel contained in aircraft tanks once fuel uplift for the flight is complete – amount of fuel contained in aircraft tanks once fuel uplift for subsequent flight is complete + fuel uplift for that subsequent flight.

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If actual fuel consumption data are not available, a standardised tiered method shall be used to estimate fuel consumption data based on best available information.

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Emissions from renewable fuels of non-biological origin using hydrogen from renewable sources compliant with Article 25 of Directive (EU) 2018/2001 shall be rated with zero emissions for the aircraft operators using them until the implementing act referred to in Article 14(1) of this Directive is adopted.

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A separate calculation shall be made for each flight and for each fuel.

## Reporting of emissions

Each aircraft operator shall include the following information in its report under Article 14(3):

A.	Data identifying the aircraft operator, including:
	— name of the aircraft operator,
	— its administering Member State,

— the aircraft registration numbers and types of aircraft used in the period covered by the report to perform the aviation activities listed in Annex I

contact address in the administering Member State,

for which it is the aircraft operator,

its address, including postcode and country and, where different, its

- the number and issuing authority of the air operator certificate and operating licence under which the aviation activities listed in Annex I for which it is the aircraft operator were performed,
- address, telephone, fax and e-mail details for a contact person, and
- name of the aircraft owner.
- B. For each type of fuel for which emissions are calculated:
  - fuel consumption,
  - emission factor,
  - total aggregated emissions from all flights performed during the period covered by the report which fall within the aviation activities listed in Annex I for which it is the aircraft operator,

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- aggregated emissions from:
  - all flights performed during the period covered by the report which fall within the aviation activities listed in Annex I for which it is the aircraft operator and which departed from an aerodrome situated in the territory of a Member State and arrived at an aerodrome situated in the territory of the same Member State,
  - all other flights performed during the period covered by the report which fall within the aviation activities listed in Annex I for which it is the aircraft operator,
- aggregated emissions from all flights performed during the period covered by the report which fall within the aviation activities listed in Annex I for which it is the aircraft operator and which:
  - departed from each Member State, and
  - arrived in each Member State from a third country,
- uncertainty.

### Monitoring of tonne-kilometre data for the purpose of Articles 3e and 3f

For the purpose of applying for an allocation of allowances in accordance with Article 3e(1) or Article 3f(2), the amount of aviation activity shall be calculated in tonne-kilometres using the following formula:

tonne-kilometres = distance × payload

where:

'distance' means the great circle distance between the aerodrome of departure and the aerodrome of arrival plus an additional fixed factor of 95 km; and

'payload' means the total mass of freight, mail and passengers carried.

For the purposes of calculating the payload:

- the number of passengers shall be the number of persons on-board excluding crew members,
- an aircraft operator may choose to apply either the actual or standard mass for passengers and checked baggage contained in its mass and balance documentation for the relevant flights or a default value of 100 kg for each passenger and his checked baggage.

## Reporting of tonne-kilometre data for the purpose of Articles 3e and 3f

Each aircraft operator shall include the following information in its application under Article 3e(1) or Article 3f(2):

- A. Data identifying the aircraft operator, including:
  - name of the aircraft operator,

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- its administering Member State,
- its address, including postcode and country and, where different, its contact address in the administering Member State,
- the aircraft registration numbers and types of aircraft used during the year covered by the application to perform the aviation activities listed in Annex I for which it is the aircraft operator,
- the number and issuing authority of the air operator certificate and operating licence under which the aviation activities listed in Annex I for which it is the aircraft operator were performed,
- address, telephone, fax and e-mail details for a contact person, and
- name of the aircraft owner.

## B. Tonne-kilometre data:

- number of flights by aerodrome pair,
- number of passenger-kilometres by aerodrome pair,
- number of tonne-kilometres by aerodrome pair,
- chosen method for calculation of mass for passengers and checked baggage,
- total number of tonne-kilometres for all flights performed during the year to which the report relates falling within the aviation activities listed in Annex I for which it is the aircraft operator.

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## PART C

## Monitoring and reporting of emissions corresponding to the activity referred to in Annex III

Monitoring of emissions

Emissions shall be monitored by calculation.

Calculation

Emissions shall be calculated using the following formula:

Fuel released for consumption × emission factor

Fuel released for consumption shall include the quantity of fuel released for consumption by the regulated entity.

Default IPCC emission factors, taken from the 2006 IPCC Inventory Guidelines or subsequent updates of those Guidelines, shall be used unless fuel-specific emission factors identified by independent accredited laboratories using accepted analytical methods are more accurate.

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A separate calculation shall be made for each regulated entity, and for each fuel.

Reporting of emissions

Each regulated entity shall include the following information in its report:

- A. Data identifying the regulated entity, including:
  - name of the regulated entity;
  - its address, including postcode and country;
  - type of the fuels it releases for consumption and its activities through which it releases the fuels for consumption, including the technology used;
  - address, telephone, fax and email details for a contact person; and
  - name of the owner of the regulated entity, and of any parent company.
- B. For each type of fuel released for consumption and which is used for combustion in the sectors referred to in Annex III, for which emissions are calculated:
  - quantity of fuel released for consumption;
  - emission factors;
  - total emissions;
  - end use(s) of the fuel released for consumption; and
  - uncertainty.

Member States shall take measures to coordinate reporting requirements with any existing reporting requirements in order to minimise the reporting burden on businesses.

#### ANNEX V

## CRITERIA FOR VERIFICATION REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 15

## **▼** M2

## PART A — Verification of emissions from stationary installations

## **▼**<u>B</u>

### **General Principles**

- 1. Emissions from each activity listed in Annex I shall be subject to verification
- 2. The verification process shall include consideration of the report pursuant to Article 14(3) and of monitoring during the preceding year. It shall address the reliability, credibility and accuracy of monitoring systems and the reported data and information relating to emissions, in particular:
  - (a) the reported activity data and related measurements and calculations;
  - (b) the choice and the employment of emission factors;
  - (c) the calculations leading to the determination of the overall emissions; and
  - (d) if measurement is used, the appropriateness of the choice and the employment of measuring methods.
- 3. Reported emissions may only be validated if reliable and credible data and information allow the emissions to be determined with a high degree of certainty. A high degree of certainty requires the operator to show that:
  - (a) the reported data is free of inconsistencies;
  - (b) the collection of the data has been carried out in accordance with the applicable scientific standards; and
  - (c) the relevant records of the installation are complete and consistent.
- 4. The verifier shall be given access to all sites and information in relation to the subject of the verification.
- 5. The verifier shall take into account whether the installation is registered under the ►M9 Union ◀ eco-management and audit scheme (EMAS).

## Methodology

## Strategic analysis

6. The verification shall be based on a strategic analysis of all the activities carried out in the installation. This requires the verifier to have an overview of all the activities and their significance for emissions.

## Process analysis

7. The verification of the information submitted shall, where appropriate, be carried out on the site of the installation. The verifier shall use spot-checks to determine the reliability of the reported data and information.

## Risk analysis

8. The verifier shall submit all the sources of emissions in the installation to an evaluation with regard to the reliability of the data of each source contributing to the overall emissions of the installation.

- 9. On the basis of this analysis the verifier shall explicitly identify those sources with a high risk of error and other aspects of the monitoring and reporting procedure which are likely to contribute to errors in the determination of the overall emissions. This especially involves the choice of the emission factors and the calculations necessary to determine the level of the emissions from individual sources. Particular attention shall be given to those sources with a high risk of error and the abovementioned aspects of the monitoring procedure.
- 10. The verifier shall take into consideration any effective risk control methods applied by the operator with a view to minimising the degree of uncertainty.

### Report

11. The verifier shall prepare a report on the validation process stating whether the report pursuant to Article 14(3) is satisfactory. This report shall specify all issues relevant to the work carried out. A statement that the report pursuant to Article 14(3) is satisfactory may be made if, in the opinion of the verifier, the total emissions are not materially misstated.

Minimum competency requirements for the verifier

- 12. The verifier shall be independent of the operator, carry out his activities in a sound and objective professional manner, and understand:
  - (a) the provisions of this Directive, as well as relevant standards and guidance adopted by the Commission pursuant to Article 14(1);
  - (b) the legislative, regulatory, and administrative requirements relevant to the activities being verified; and
  - (c) the generation of all information related to each source of emissions in the installation, in particular, relating to the collection, measurement, calculation and reporting of data.

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## PART B — Verification of emissions from aviation activities

13. The general principles and methodology set out in this Annex shall apply to the verification of reports of emissions from flights falling within an aviation activity listed in Annex I.

For this purpose:

- (a) in paragraph 3, the reference to operator shall be read as if it were a reference to an aircraft operator, and in point (c) of that paragraph the reference to installation shall be read as if it were a reference to the aircraft used to perform the aviation activities covered by the report;
- (b) in paragraph 5, the reference to installation shall be read as if it were a reference to the aircraft operator;
- (c) in paragraph 6 the reference to activities carried out in the installation shall be read as a reference to aviation activities covered by the report carried out by the aircraft operator;
- (d) in paragraph 7 the reference to the site of the installation shall be read as if it were a reference to the sites used by the aircraft operator to perform the aviation activities covered by the report;
- (e) in paragraphs 8 and 9 the references to sources of emissions in the installation shall be read as if they were a reference to the aircraft for which the aircraft operator is responsible; and
- (f) in paragraphs 10 and 12 the references to operator shall be read as if they were a reference to an aircraft operator.

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### Additional provisions for the verification of aviation emission reports

- 14. The verifier shall in particular ascertain that:
  - (a) all flights falling within an aviation activity listed in Annex I have been taken into account. In this task the verifier shall be assisted by timetable data and other data on the aircraft operator's traffic including data from Eurocontrol requested by that operator;
  - (b) there is overall consistency between aggregated fuel consumption data and data on fuel purchased or otherwise supplied to the aircraft performing the aviation activity.

## Additional provisions for the verification of tonne-kilometre data submitted for the purposes of Articles 3e and 3f

- 15. The general principles and methodology for verifying emissions reports under Article 14(3) as set out in this Annex shall, where applicable, also apply correspondingly to the verification of aviation tonne-kilometre data.
- 16. The verifier shall in particular ascertain that only flights actually performed and falling within an aviation activity listed in Annex I for which the aircraft operator is responsible have been taken into account in that operator's application under Articles 3e(1) and 3f(2). In this task the verifier shall be assisted by data on the aircraft operator's traffic including data from Eurocontrol requested by that operator. In addition, the verifier shall ascertain that the payload reported by the aircraft operator corresponds to records on payloads kept by that operator for safety purposes.

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### PART C

## Verification of emissions corresponding to the activity referred to in Annex III

General Principles

- Emissions corresponding to the activity referred to in Annex III shall be subject to verification.
- 2. The verification process shall include consideration of the report pursuant to Article 14(3) and of monitoring during the preceding year. It shall address the reliability, credibility and accuracy of monitoring systems and the reported data and information relating to emissions, and in particular:
  - (a) the reported fuels released for consumption and related calculations;
  - (b) the choice and the employment of emission factors;
  - (c) the calculations leading to the determination of the overall emissions.
- 3. Reported emissions may only be validated if reliable and credible data and information allow the emissions to be determined with a high degree of certainty. A high degree of certainty requires the regulated entity to show that:

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- (a) the reported data are free of inconsistencies;
- (b) the collection of the data has been carried out in accordance with the applicable scientific standards; and
- (c) the relevant records of the regulated entity are complete and consistent.
- The verifier shall be given access to all sites and information in relation to the subject of the verification.
- 5. The verifier shall take into account whether the regulated entity is registered under the Union eco-management and audit scheme (EMAS).

Methodology

Strategic analysis

6. The verification shall be based on a strategic analysis of all the quantities of fuels released for consumption by the regulated entity. This requires the verifier to have an overview of all the activities through which the regulated entity is releasing the fuels for consumption and their significance for emissions.

Process analysis

7. The verification of the data and information submitted shall, where appropriate, be carried out on the site of the regulated entity. The verifier shall use spot-checks to determine the reliability of the reported data and information.

Risk analysis

- 8. The verifier shall submit all the means through which the fuels are released for consumption by the regulated entity to an evaluation with regard to the reliability of the data on the overall emissions of the regulated entity.
- 9. On the basis of this analysis the verifier shall explicitly identify any element with a high risk of error and other aspects of the monitoring and reporting procedure which are likely to contribute to errors in the determination of the overall emissions. This especially involves the calculations necessary to determine the level of the emissions from individual sources. Particular attention shall be given to those elements with a high risk of error and the abovementioned aspects of the monitoring procedure.
- 10. The verifier shall take into consideration any effective risk control methods applied by the regulated entity with a view to minimising the degree of uncertainty.

Report

11. The verifier shall prepare a report on the validation process stating whether the report pursuant to Article 14(3) is satisfactory. This report shall specify all issues relevant to the work carried out. A statement that the report pursuant to Article 14(3) is satisfactory may be made if, in the opinion of the verifier, the total emissions are not materially misstated.

Minimum competency requirement for the verifier

- 12. The verifier shall be independent of the regulated entity, carry out his or her activities in a sound and objective professional manner, and understand:
  - (a) the provisions of this Directive, as well as relevant standards and guidance adopted by the Commission pursuant to Article 14(1);
  - (b) the legislative, regulatory, and administrative requirements relevant to the activities being verified; and
  - (c) the generation of all information related to all the means through which the fuels are released for consumption by the regulated entity, in particular, relating to the collection, measurement, calculation and reporting of data.

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### CHAPTER I

## **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

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#### Article 1

### Subject matter

This Regulation lays down rules for the accurate monitoring, reporting and verification of greenhouse gas emissions and of other relevant information from ships arriving at, within or departing from ports under the jurisdiction of a Member State, in order to promote the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from maritime transport in a cost effective manner.

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## Article 2

### Scope

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- 1. This Regulation applies to ships of 5 000 gross tonnage and above in respect of the greenhouse gas emissions released during their voyages for transporting for commercial purposes cargo or passengers from such ships' last port of call to a port of call under the jurisdiction of a Member State and from a port of call under the jurisdiction of a Member State to their next port of call, as well as within ports of call under the jurisdiction of a Member State.
- 1a. From 1 January 2025, this Regulation shall also apply to general cargo ships below 5 000 gross tonnage but not below 400 gross tonnage in respect of the greenhouse gas emissions released during their voyages for transporting cargo for commercial purposes from their last port of call to a port of call under the jurisdiction of a Member State and from a port of call under the jurisdiction of a Member State to their next port of call, as well as within ports of call under the jurisdiction of a Member State, and to offshore ships below 5 000 gross tonnage but not below 400 gross tonnage in respect of the greenhouse gas emissions released during their voyages from their last port of call to a port of call under the jurisdiction of a Member State and from a port of call under the jurisdiction of a Member State to their next port of call, as well as within ports of call under the jurisdiction of a Member State.

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- 1b. From 1 January 2025, this Regulation shall apply to offshore ships of 5 000 gross tonnage and above in respect of the greenhouse gas emissions released during their voyages from their last port of call to a port of call under the jurisdiction of a Member State and from a port of call under the jurisdiction of a Member State to their next port of call, as well as within ports of call under the jurisdiction of a Member State.
- 1c. The greenhouse gases covered by this Regulation are:
- (a) carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>);
- (b) with regard to emissions released from 2024 onwards, methane (CH<sub>4</sub>); and
- (c) with regard to emissions released from 2024 onwards, nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O).

Where this Regulation refers to total aggregated emissions of greenhouse gases or total aggregated greenhouse gas emitted, it shall be understood as referring to the total aggregated amounts of each gas separately.

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2. This Regulation does not apply to warships, naval auxiliaries, fish-catching or fish-processing ships, wooden ships of a primitive build, ships not propelled by mechanical means, or government ships used for non-commercial purposes.

### Article 3

### **Definitions**

For the purposes of this Regulation, the following definitions apply:

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 (a) 'greenhouse gas emissions' means the release of the greenhouse gases covered by this Regulation in accordance with Article 2(1c), first subparagraph, by ships;

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(b) 'port of call' means the port where a ship stops to load or unload cargo or to embark or disembark passengers; consequently, stops for the sole purposes of refuelling, obtaining supplies, relieving the crew, going into dry-dock or making repairs to the ship and/or its equipment, stops in port because the ship is in need of assistance or in distress, ship-to-ship transfers carried out outside ports, and stops for the sole purpose of taking shelter from adverse weather or rendered necessary by search and rescue activities are excluded;

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(c) 'voyage' means any movement of a ship that originates from or terminates in a port of call;

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 (d) 'company' means the shipowner or any other organisation or person, such as the manager or the bareboat charterer, which has assumed the responsibility for the operation of the ship from the shipowner;

- (e) 'gross tonnage' (GT) means the gross tonnage calculated in accordance with the tonnage measurement regulations contained in Annex I to the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, adopted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in London on 23 June 1969, or any successor convention;
- (f) 'verifier' means a legal entity carrying out verification activities which is accredited by a national accreditation body pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 765/2008 and this Regulation;
- (g) 'verification' means the activities carried out by a verifier to assess the conformity of the documents transmitted by the company with the requirements of this Regulation;
- (h) 'document of compliance' means a document specific to a ship, issued to a company by a verifier, which confirms that that ship has complied with the requirements of this Regulation for a specific reporting period;
- (i) 'other relevant information' means information related to
   ► M2 greenhouse gas emissions from the consumption of fuels, to transport work and to the energy efficiency of ships, which enables the analysis of emission trends and the assessment of ships' performances;
- (j) 'emission factor' means the average emission rate of a greenhouse gas relative to the activity data of a source stream, assuming complete oxidation for combustion and complete conversion for all other chemical reactions;
- (k) 'uncertainty' means a parameter, associated with the result of the determination of a quantity, that characterises the dispersion of the values that could reasonably be attributed to the particular quantity, including the effects of systematic as well as of random factors, expressed as a percentage, and describes a confidence interval around the mean value comprising 95 % of inferred values taking into account any asymmetry of the distribution of values;
- (l) 'conservative' means that a set of assumptions is defined in order to ensure that no under-estimation of annual emissions or over-estimation of distances or amounts of cargo carried occurs;
- (m) 'reporting period' means one calendar year during which ►M2 greenhouse gas 

  emissions have to be monitored and reported. For voyages starting and ending in two different calendar years, the monitoring and reporting data shall be accounted under the first calendar year concerned;
- (n) 'ship at berth' means a ship which is securely moored or anchored in a port falling under the jurisdiction of a Member State while it is loading, unloading or hotelling, including the time spent when not engaged in cargo operations;

(o) 'ice class' means the notation assigned to the ship by the competent national authorities of the flag State or an organisation recognised by that State, showing that the ship has been designed for navigation in sea-ice conditions;

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- (p) 'administering authority responsible' means the administering authority in respect of a shipping company referred to in Article 3gf of Directive 2003/87/EC;
- (q) 'aggregated emissions data at company level' means the sum of emissions of the greenhouse gases covered by Directive 2003/87/EC in relation to maritime transport activities in accordance with Annex I to that Directive and to be reported by a company under that Directive, in respect of all ships under its responsibility during the reporting period.

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#### CHAPTER II

### MONITORING AND REPORTING

#### SECTION 1

## Principles and methods for monitoring and reporting

### Article 4

## Common principles for monitoring and reporting

- 1. In accordance with Articles 8 to 12, companies shall, for each of their ships, monitor and report on the relevant parameters during a reporting period. They shall carry out that monitoring and reporting within all ports under the jurisdiction of a Member State and for any voyages to or from a port under the jurisdiction of a Member State.
- 2. Monitoring and reporting shall be complete and cover ► M2 greenhouse gas ◀ emissions from the combustion of fuels, while the ships are at sea as well as at berth. Companies shall apply appropriate measures to prevent any data gaps within the reporting period.
- 3. Monitoring and reporting shall be consistent and comparable over time. To that end, companies shall use the same monitoring methodologies and data sets subject to modifications assessed by the verifier.
- 4. Companies shall obtain, record, compile, analyse and document monitoring data, including assumptions, references, emission factors and activity data, in a transparent manner that enables the reproduction of the determination of ►M2 greenhouse gas ◀ emissions by the verifier.
- 5. Companies shall ensure that the determination of ► M2 greenhouse gas emissions is neither systematically nor knowingly inaccurate. They shall identify and reduce any source of inaccuracies.
- 6. Companies shall enable reasonable assurance of the integrity of the ► M2 greenhouse gas ■ emission data to be monitored and reported.

7. Companies shall endeavour to take account of the recommendations included in the verification reports issued pursuant to Article 13(3) or (4) in their subsequent monitoring and reporting.

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8. Companies shall report the aggregated emissions data at company level of the ships under their responsibility during a reporting period pursuant to Article 11a.

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### Article 5

## Methods for monitoring ►<u>M2</u> greenhouse gas ◀ emissions and other relevant information

1. For the purposes of Article 4(1), (2) and (3), companies shall, for each of their ships, determine the  $\blacktriangleright \underline{M2}$  greenhouse gas  $\blacktriangleleft$  emissions in accordance with any of the methods set out in Annex I, and monitor other relevant information in accordance with the rules set out in Annex II or adopted pursuant to it.

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2. The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 23 of this Regulation to amend Annexes I and II to this Regulation, in order to take into account the inclusion of  ${\rm CH_4}$  and  ${\rm N_2O}$  emissions, as well as the inclusion of greenhouse gas emissions from offshore ships, within the scope of this Regulation, and amendments to Directive 2003/87/EC, as well as to align those Annexes with the implementing acts adopted under Article 14(1) of that Directive, with relevant international rules and with international and European standards. The Commission is also empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 23 of this Regulation to amend Annexes I and II to this Regulation in order to refine the elements of the monitoring methods set out therein, in the light of technological and scientific developments and in order to ensure the effective operation of the EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS) established pursuant to Directive 2003/87/EC.

By 1 October 2023, the Commission shall adopt the delegated acts to take into account the inclusion of CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions, as well as the inclusion of greenhouse gas emissions from offshore ships, within the scope of this Regulation, as referred to in the first subparagraph of this paragraph. The methods for monitoring CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions shall be based on the same principles as the methods for monitoring CO<sub>2</sub> emissions as set out in Annex I to this Regulation, with any adjustments necessary to reflect the nature of the relevant greenhouse gas. The methods set out in Annex I to this Regulation and the rules set out in Annex II to this Regulation shall, where appropriate, be aligned with the methods and rules set out in a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the use of renewable and low-carbon fuels in maritime transport and amending Directive 2009/16/EC.

### SECTION 2

## Monitoring plan

### Article 6

### Content and submission of the monitoring plan

- 1. By 31 August 2017, companies shall submit to the verifiers a monitoring plan for each of their ships indicating the method chosen to monitor and report ▶ M2 greenhouse gas ◀ emissions and other relevant information.
- 2. Notwithstanding paragraph 1, for ships falling under the scope of this Regulation for the first time after 31 August 2017, the company shall submit a monitoring plan to the verifier without undue delay and no later than two months after each ship's first call in a port under the jurisdiction of a Member State.
- 3. The monitoring plan shall consist of a complete and transparent documentation of the monitoring method for the ship concerned and shall contain at least the following elements:
- (a) the identification and type of the ship, including its name, its IMO identification number, its port of registry or home port, and the name of the shipowner;

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(b) the name of the company and the address, telephone and email details of a contact person and the IMO unique company and registered owner identification number;

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- (c) a description of the following ▶<u>M2</u> greenhouse gas ◀ emission sources on board the ship: main engines, auxiliary engines, gas turbines, boilers and inert gas generators, and the fuel types used;
- (d) a description of the procedures, systems and responsibilities used to update the list of ►<u>M2</u> greenhouse gas ■ emission sources over the reporting period;
- (e) a description of the procedures used to monitor the completeness of the list of voyages;
- (f) a description of the procedures for monitoring the fuel consumption of the ship, including:
  - (i) the method chosen from among those set out in Annex I for calculating the fuel consumption of each ►<u>M2</u> greenhouse gas ■ emission source, including, where applicable, a description of the measuring equipment used,
  - (ii) the procedures for the measurement of fuel uplifts and fuel in tanks, a description of the measuring equipment used and the procedures for recording, retrieving, transmitting and storing information regarding measurements, as applicable,

- (iii) the method chosen for the determination of density, where applicable,
- (iv) a procedure to ensure that the total uncertainty of fuel measurements is consistent with the requirements of this Regulation, where possible referring to national laws, clauses in customer contracts or fuel supplier accuracy standards;
- (g) single emission factors used for each fuel type, or in the case of alternative fuels, the methodologies for determining the emission factors, including the methodology for sampling, methods of analysis and a description of the laboratories used, with the ISO 17025 accreditation of those laboratories, if any;
- (h) a description of the procedures used for determining activity data per voyage, including:
  - the procedures, responsibilities and data sources for determining and recording the distance,
  - (ii) the procedures, responsibilities, formulae and data sources for determining and recording the cargo carried and the number of passengers, as applicable,
  - (iii) the procedures, responsibilities, formulae and data sources for determining and recording the time spent at sea between the port of departure and the port of arrival;
- a description of the method to be used to determine surrogate data for closing data gaps;
- (j) a revision record sheet to record all the details of the revision history.
- 4. The monitoring plan may also contain information on the ice class of the ship and/or the procedures, responsibilities, formulae and data sources for determining and recording the distance travelled and the time spent at sea when navigating through ice.

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- 5. Companies shall use standardised monitoring plans based on templates, and they shall submit those plans using automated systems and data exchange formats. Those templates, including the technical rules for their uniform application, and the technical rules for their automatic submission, shall be determined by the Commission by means of implementing acts. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 24(2).
- 6. By 1 April 2024, companies shall, for each of their ships falling within the scope of this Regulation, submit to the administering authority responsible a monitoring plan that has been assessed as being in conformity with this Regulation by the verifier and that reflects the inclusion of  $CH_4$  and  $N_2O$  emissions within the scope of this Regulation.

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- 7. Notwithstanding paragraph 6, for ships falling within the scope of this Regulation for the first time after 1 January 2024, companies shall submit a monitoring plan in conformity with the requirements of this Regulation to the administering authority responsible without undue delay and no later than three months after each ship's first call in a port under the jurisdiction of a Member State.
- 8. By 6 June 2025, the administering authorities responsible shall approve the monitoring plans submitted by companies in accordance with the rules laid down in the delegated acts adopted by the Commission pursuant to the third subparagraph of this paragraph. For ships falling within the scope of Directive 2003/87/EC for the first time after 1 January 2024, the administering authority responsible shall approve the submitted monitoring plan within four months of the ship's first call in a port under the jurisdiction of a Member State, in accordance with the rules laid down in the delegated acts adopted by the Commission pursuant to the third subparagraph of this paragraph.
- By 1 October 2023, the Commission shall adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 23 to amend Articles 6 to 10 as regards the rules contained in those Articles for monitoring plans, to take into account the inclusion of CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions, as well as the inclusion of greenhouse gas emissions from offshore ships, within the scope of this Regulation.

The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 23 to supplement this Regulation concerning rules for the approval of monitoring plans by the administering authorities responsible.

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## Article 7

## Modifications of the monitoring plan

- 1. Companies shall check regularly, and at least annually, whether a ship's monitoring plan reflects the nature and functioning of the ship and whether the monitoring methodology can be improved.
- 2. Companies shall modify the monitoring plan in any of the following situations:
- (a) where a change of company occurs;
- (b) where new ► M2 greenhouse gas ◄ emissions occur due to new emission sources or due to the use of new fuels not yet contained in the monitoring plan;
- (c) where a change in availability of data, due to the use of new types of measuring equipment, new sampling methods or analysis methods, or for other reasons, may affect the accuracy of the determination of ► M2 greenhouse gas ◀ emissions;
- (d) where data resulting from the monitoring method applied has been found to be incorrect;
- (e) where any part of the monitoring plan is identified as not being in conformity with the requirements of this Regulation and the company is required to revise it pursuant to Article 13(1).

3. Companies shall notify to the verifiers without undue delay any proposals for modification of the monitoring plan.

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- 4. Modifications of the monitoring plan under paragraph 2, points (b), (c) and (d), of this Article shall be subject to assessment by the verifier in accordance with Article 13(1). Following the assessment, the verifier shall notify the company as to whether those modifications are in conformity. The company shall submit its modified monitoring plan to the administering authority responsible once it has received a notification from the verifier that the monitoring plan is in conformity.
- 5. The administering authority responsible shall approve modifications of the monitoring plan under paragraph 2, points (a) to (d), in accordance with the rules laid down in the delegated acts adopted by the Commission pursuant to the second subparagraph of this paragraph.

The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 23 to supplement this Regulation concerning rules for the approval of changes in the monitoring plans by the administering authorities responsible.

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#### SECTION 3

## Monitoring of ▶<u>M2</u> greenhouse gas ◀ emissions and other relevant information

## Article 8

## Monitoring of activities within a reporting period

From 1 January 2018, companies shall, based on the monitoring plan assessed in accordance with Article 13(1), monitor  $\blacktriangleright \underline{M2}$  greenhouse gas  $\blacktriangleleft$  emissions for each ship on a per-voyage and an annual basis by applying the appropriate method for determining  $\blacktriangleright \underline{M2}$  greenhouse gas  $\blacktriangleleft$  emissions among those set out in Part B of Annex I and by calculating  $\blacktriangleright \underline{M2}$  greenhouse gas  $\blacktriangleleft$  emissions in accordance with Part A of Annex I.

## Article 9

## Monitoring on a per-voyage basis

- 1. Based on the monitoring plan assessed in accordance with Article 13(1), for each ship arriving in or departing from, and for each voyage to or from, a port under a Member State's jurisdiction, companies shall monitor in accordance with Part A of Annex I and Part A of Annex II the following parameters:
- (a) port of departure and port of arrival including the date and hour of departure and arrival;
- (b) amount and emission factor for each type of fuel consumed in total;
- (c) ►<u>M2</u> greenhouse gas ◀ emitted;
- (d) distance travelled;

- (e) time spent at sea;
- (f) cargo carried;
- (g) transport work.

Companies may also monitor information relating to the ship's ice class and to navigation through ice, where applicable.

- 2. By way of derogation from paragraph 1 of this Article and without prejudice to Article 10, a company shall be exempt from the obligation to monitor the information referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article on a per-voyage basis in respect of a specified ship, if:
- (a) all of the ship's voyages during the reporting period either start from or end at a port under the jurisdiction of a Member State; and
- (b) the ship, according to its schedule, performs more than 300 voyages during the reporting period.

### Article 10

## Monitoring on an annual basis

Based on the monitoring plan assessed in accordance with Article 13(1), for each ship and for each calendar year, companies shall monitor in accordance with Part A of Annex I and with Part B of Annex II the following parameters:

- (a) amount and emission factor for each type of fuel consumed in total;
- (b) total aggregated ► M2 greenhouse gas ◀ emitted within the scope of this Regulation;
- (c) aggregated ► <u>M2</u> greenhouse gas emissions from all voyages between ports under a Member State's jurisdiction;
- (d) aggregated ► M2 greenhouse gas ◀ emissions from all voyages which departed from ports under a Member State's jurisdiction;
- (e) aggregated ► M2 greenhouse gas ◀ emissions from all voyages to ports under a Member State's jurisdiction;
- (f) ► M2 greenhouse gas ◀ emissions which occurred within ports under a Member State's jurisdiction at berth;
- (g) total distance travelled;
- (h) total time spent at sea;
- (i) total transport work;
- (j) average energy efficiency;

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(k) total aggregated emissions of greenhouse gases covered by Directive 2003/87/EC in relation to maritime transport activities in accordance with Annex I to that Directive and to be reported under that Directive, together with the necessary information to justify the application of any relevant derogation from Article 12(3) of that Directive provided for in Article 12(3-e) to (3-b) thereof.

Companies may monitor information relating to the ship's ice class and to navigation through ice, where applicable.

Companies may also monitor fuel consumed and ▶<u>M2</u> greenhouse gas ◀ emitted, differentiating on the basis of other criteria defined in the monitoring plan.

## SECTION 4

## Reporting

#### Article 11

## Content of the emissions report

1. From 2019, by 30 April of each year, companies shall submit to the Commission and to the authorities of the flag States concerned, an emissions report concerning the ►M2 greenhouse gas ◄ emissions and other relevant information for the entire reporting period for each ship under their responsibility, which has been verified as satisfactory by a verifier in accordance with Article 13.

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From 2025, by 31 March of each year, companies shall, for each ship under their responsibility, submit to the administering authority responsible, to the authorities of the flag States concerned for ships flying the flag of a Member State and to the Commission an emissions report for the entire reporting period of the previous year, which has been verified as satisfactory by a verifier in accordance with Article 13. The administering authority responsible may require companies to submit their emissions reports by a date earlier than 31 March, but not earlier than by 28 February.

2. Where there is a change of company, the previous company shall submit to the administering authority responsible, to the authorities of the flag States concerned for ships flying the flag of a Member State, to the new company and to the Commission, as close as practicable to the day of the completion of the change and no later than three months thereafter, a verified report covering the same elements as the emissions report referred to in paragraph 1, but limited to the period corresponding to the activities carried out under its responsibility.

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- 3. Companies shall include in the emissions report the following information:
- (a) data identifying the ship and the company, including:
  - (i) name of the ship,
  - (ii) IMO identification number,
  - (iii) port of registry or home port,
  - (iv) ice class of the ship, if included in the monitoring plan,

- (v) technical efficiency of the ship (the Energy Efficiency Design Index (EEDI) or the Estimated Index Value (EIV) in accordance with IMO Resolution MEPC.215 (63), where applicable),
- (vi) name of the shipowner,
- (vii) address of the shipowner and its principal place of business,
- (viii) name of the company (if not the shipowner),
- (ix) address of the company (if not the shipowner) and its principal place of business,
- (x) address, telephone and e-mail details of a contact person;
- (b) the identity of the verifier that assessed the emissions report;
- (c) information on the monitoring method used and the related level of uncertainty;
- (d) the results from annual monitoring of the parameters in accordance with Article 10.

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4. By 1 October 2023, the Commission shall adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 23 to amend Articles 11, 11a and 12 concerning the rules for reporting to take into account the inclusion of  $CH_4$  and  $N_2O$  emissions, as well as the inclusion of greenhouse gas emissions from offshore ships, within the scope of this Regulation.

#### Article 11a

# Reporting and submission of the aggregated emissions data at company level

- 1. Companies shall determine the aggregated emissions data at company level during a reporting period, based on the data of the emissions report and the report referred to in Article 11(2) for each ship that was under their responsibility during the reporting period, in accordance with the rules laid down in the delegated acts adopted pursuant to paragraph 4 of this Article.
- 2. From 2025, companies shall submit to the administering authority responsible by 31 March of each year the aggregated emissions data at company level that cover the emissions in the reporting period of the previous year to be reported under Directive 2003/87/EC in relation to maritime transport activities, in accordance with the rules laid down in the delegated acts adopted pursuant to paragraph 4 of this Article, and that have been verified in accordance with Chapter III of this Regulation.
- 3. The administering authority responsible may require companies to submit the verified aggregated emissions data at company level referred to in paragraph 2 by a date earlier than 31 March, but not earlier than by 28 February.

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4. The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 23 to supplement this Regulation with the rules for the monitoring and reporting of the aggregated emissions data at company level and the submission of the aggregated emissions data at company level to the administering authority responsible.

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# Format of the emissions report and reporting of aggregated emissions data at company level

1. The emissions report and the reporting of aggregated emissions data at company level shall be submitted using automated systems and data exchange formats, including electronic templates.

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2. The Commission shall determine, by means of implementing acts, technical rules establishing the data exchange formats, including the electronic templates. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 24(2).

#### CHAPTER III

#### VERIFICATION AND ACCREDITATION

#### Article 13

# Scope of verification activities and verification report

1. The verifier shall assess the conformity of the monitoring plan with the requirements laid down in Articles 6 and 7. Where the verifier's assessment identifies non-conformities with those requirements, the company concerned shall revise its monitoring plan accordingly and submit the revised plan for a final assessment by the verifier before the reporting period starts. The company shall agree with the verifier on the timeframe necessary to introduce those revisions. That timeframe shall in any event not extend beyond the beginning of the reporting period.

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2. The verifier shall assess the conformity of the emissions report and the report referred to in Article 11(2) with the requirements laid down in Articles 8 to 12 and Annexes I and II.

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3. Where the verification assessment concludes, with reasonable assurance from the verifier, that the emissions report is free from material misstatements, the verifier shall issue a verification report stating that the emissions report has been verified as satisfactory. The verification report shall specify all issues relevant to the work carried out by the verifier.

4. Where the verification assessment concludes that the emissions report includes misstatements or non-conformities with the requirements of this Regulation, the verifier shall inform the company thereof in a timely manner. The company shall then correct the misstatements or non-conformities so as to enable the verification process to be completed in time and shall submit to the verifier the revised emissions report and any other information that was necessary to correct the non-conformities identified. In its verification report, the verifier shall state whether the misstatements or non-conformities identified during the verification assessment have been corrected by the company. Where the communicated misstatements or non-conformities have not been corrected and, individually or combined, lead to material misstatements, the verifier shall issue a verification report stating that the emissions report does not comply with this Regulation.

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5. The verifier shall assess the conformity of the aggregated emissions data at company level with the requirements laid down in the delegated acts adopted pursuant to paragraph 6.

Where the verifier concludes, with reasonable assurance, that the aggregated emissions data at company level are free from material misstatements, the verifier shall issue a verification report stating that the aggregated emissions data at company level have been verified as satisfactory in accordance with the rules laid down in the delegated acts adopted pursuant to paragraph 6.

6. The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 23 to supplement this Regulation with the rules for the verification of the aggregated emissions data at company level, including the verification methods and verification procedure, and the issuance of a verification report.

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# Article 14

# General obligations and principles for the verifiers

- 1. The verifier shall be independent from the company or from the operator of a ship and shall carry out the activities required under this Regulation in the public interest. For that purpose, neither the verifier nor any part of the same legal entity shall be a company or ship operator, the owner of a company, or be owned by them, nor shall the verifier have relations with the company that could affect its independence and impartiality.
- 2. When considering the verification of the emissions report and of the monitoring procedures applied by the company, the verifier shall assess the reliability, credibility and accuracy of the monitoring systems and of the reported data and information relating to ►<u>M2</u> greenhouse gas ◀ emissions, in particular:
- (a) the attribution of fuel consumption to voyages;
- (b) the reported fuel consumption data and related measurements and calculations;

(c) the choice and the employment of emission factors;

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(d) the calculations leading to the determination of the overall greenhouse gas emissions and of the total aggregated emissions of greenhouse gases covered by Directive 2003/87/EC in relation to maritime transport activities in accordance with Annex I to that Directive and to be reported under that Directive;

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- (e) the calculations leading to the determination of the energy efficiency.
- 3. The verifier shall only consider emissions reports submitted in accordance with Article 12 if reliable and credible data and information enable the ► M2 greenhouse gas ◄ emissions to be determined with a reasonable degree of certainty and provided that the following are ensured:
- (a) the reported data are coherent in relation to estimated data that are based on ship tracking data and characteristics such as the installed engine power;
- (b) the reported data are free of inconsistencies, in particular when comparing the total volume of fuel purchased annually by each ship and the aggregate fuel consumption during voyages;
- (c) the collection of the data has been carried out in accordance with the applicable rules; and
- (d) the relevant records of the ship are complete and consistent.

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4. When considering the verification of the aggregated emissions data at company level, the verifier shall assess the completeness of the reported data and the consistency of those reported data with the information provided by the company, including its verified emissions reports and reports referred to in Article 11(2).

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#### Article 15

# Verification procedures

- 1. The verifier shall identify potential risks related to the monitoring and reporting process by comparing reported ▶ M2 greenhouse gas ◀ emissions with estimated data based on ship tracking data and characteristics such as the installed engine power. Where significant deviations are found, the verifier shall carry out further analyses.
- 2. The verifier shall identify potential risks related to the different calculation steps by reviewing all data sources and methodologies used.
- 3. The verifier shall take into consideration any effective risk control methods applied by the company to reduce levels of uncertainty associated with the accuracy specific to the monitoring methods used.
- 4. The company shall provide the verifier with any additional information that enables it to carry out the verification procedures. The verifier may conduct spot-checks during the verification process to determine the reliability of reported data and information.

5. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 23, in order to further specify the rules for the verification activities referred to in this Regulation. When adopting these acts, the Commission shall take into account the elements set out in Part A of Annex III. The rules specified in those delegated acts shall be based on the principles for verification provided for in Article 14 and on relevant internationally accepted standards.

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6. In respect of the verification of aggregated emissions data at company level, the verifier and the company shall comply with the verification rules laid down in the delegated acts adopted pursuant to Article 13(6). The verifier shall not verify the emissions report and the report referred to in Article 11(2) of each ship under the responsibility of the company.

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#### Article 16

#### Accreditation of verifiers

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1. Verifiers that assess the monitoring plans, the emissions reports, the reports referred to in Article 11(2) of this Regulation and the aggregated emissions data at company level, and issue the verification reports referred to in Article 13(3) and (5) of this Regulation and documents of compliance referred to in Article 17(1) of this Regulation shall be accredited for activities within the scope of this Regulation by a national accreditation body pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 765/2008.

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- 2. Where no specific provisions concerning the accreditation of verifiers are laid down in this Regulation, the relevant provisions of Regulation (EC) No 765/2008 shall apply.
- 3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 23, in order to further specify the methods of accreditation of verifiers. When adopting these acts, the Commission shall take into account the elements set out in Part B of Annex III. The methods specified in those delegated acts shall be based on the principles for verification provided for in Article 14 and on relevant internationally accepted standards.

### CHAPTER IV

### COMPLIANCE AND PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION

#### Article 17

### **Document of compliance**

1. Where the emissions report fulfils the requirements set out in Articles 11 to 15 and those in Annexes I and II, the verifier shall issue, on the basis of the verification report, a document of compliance for the ship concerned.

- 2. The document of compliance shall include the following information:
- (a) identity of the ship (name, IMO identification number and port of registry or home port);
- (b) name, address and principal place of business of the shipowner;
- (c) identity of the verifier;
- (d) date of issue of the document of compliance, its period of validity and the reporting period it refers to.
- 3. Documents of compliance shall be valid for the period of 18 months after the end of the reporting period.
- 4. The verifier shall inform the Commission and the authority of the flag State, without delay, of the issuance of any document of compliance. The verifier shall transmit the information referred to in paragraph 2 using automated systems and data exchange formats, including electronic templates.
- 5. The Commission shall determine, by means of implementing acts, technical rules for the data exchange formats, including the electronic templates. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 24(2).

#### Article 18

#### Obligation to carry a valid document of compliance on board

By 30 June of the year following the end of a reporting period, ships arriving at, within or departing from a port under the jurisdiction of a Member State, and which have carried out voyages during that reporting period, shall carry on board a valid document of compliance.

#### Article 19

# Compliance with monitoring and reporting requirements and inspections

- 1. Based on the information published in accordance with Article 21(1), each Member State shall take all the measures necessary to ensure compliance with the monitoring and reporting requirements set out in Articles 8 to 12 by ships flying its flag. Member States shall regard the fact that a document of compliance has been issued for the ship concerned, in accordance with Article 17(4), as evidence of such compliance.
- 2. Each Member State shall ensure that any inspection of a ship in a port under its jurisdiction carried out in accordance with Directive 2009/16/EC includes checking that a valid document of compliance is carried on board.

3. For each ship in respect of which the information referred to in points (i) and (j) of Article 21(2), is not available at the time when it enters a port under the jurisdiction of a Member State, the Member State concerned may check that a valid document of compliance is carried on board.

#### Article 20

#### Penalties, information exchange and expulsion order

- 1. Member States shall set up a system of penalties for failure to comply with the monitoring and reporting obligations set out in Articles 8 to 12 and shall take all the measures necessary to ensure that those penalties are imposed. The penalties provided for shall be effective, proportionate and dissuasive. Member States shall notify those provisions to the Commission by 1 July 2017, and shall notify to the Commission without delay any subsequent amendments.
- 2. Member States shall establish an effective exchange of information and effective cooperation between their national authorities responsible for ensuring compliance with monitoring and reporting obligations or, where applicable, their authorities entrusted with penalty procedures. National penalty procedures against a specified ship by any Member State shall be notified to the Commission, the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA), to the other Member States and to the flag State concerned.

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In the case of a ship that has failed to comply with the monitoring and reporting obligations for two or more consecutive reporting periods, and where other enforcement measures have failed to ensure compliance, the competent authority of the Member State of the port of entry may, after giving the opportunity to the company concerned to submit its observations, issue an expulsion order, which shall be notified to the Commission, the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA), the other Member States and the flag State concerned. As a result of the issuing of such an expulsion order, every Member State, with the exception of the Member State whose flag the ship is flying, shall refuse entry of the ship concerned into any of its ports until the company fulfils its monitoring and reporting obligations in accordance with Articles 11 and 18. Where such a ship flies the flag of a Member State and enters or is found in one of its ports, the Member State concerned shall, after giving the opportunity to the company concerned to submit its observations, detain the ship until the company fulfils its monitoring and reporting obligations.

Where a ship as referred to in the first subparagraph is found in one of the ports of the Member State whose flag the ship is flying, the Member State concerned may, after giving the opportunity to the company concerned to submit its observations, issue a flag State detention order until the company fulfils its monitoring and reporting obligations. It shall inform the Commission, EMSA and the other Member States thereof.

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The fulfilment of those monitoring and reporting obligations shall be confirmed by the notification of a valid document of compliance to the competent national authority which issued the expulsion order. This paragraph shall be without prejudice to international maritime rules applicable in the case of ships in distress.

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- 4. The shipowner or operator of a ship or its representative in the Member States shall have the right to an effective remedy before a court or tribunal against an expulsion order and shall be properly informed thereof by the competent authority of the Member State of the port of entry. Member States shall establish and maintain appropriate procedures for this purpose.
- 5. Any Member State without maritime ports in its territory and which has closed its national ship register or has no ships flying its flag that fall within the scope of this Regulation, and as long as no such ships are flying its flag, may derogate from the provisions of this Article. Any Member State that intends to avail itself of that derogation shall notify the Commission at the latest on 1 July 2015. Any subsequent change shall also be communicated to the Commission.

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The possibility of derogating under the first subparagraph shall not apply to a Member State whose authority is the administering authority responsible.

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# Article 21

#### Publication of information and Commission report

- 1. By 30 June each year, the Commission shall make publicly available the information on ▶ M2 greenhouse gas ◀ emissions reported in accordance with Article 11 as well as the information set out in paragraph 2 of this Article.
- 2. The Commission shall include the following in the information to be made publicly available:

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(a) the identity of the ship (name, company, IMO identification number and port of registry or home port);

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- (b) the technical efficiency of the ship (EEDI or EIV, where applicable);
- (c) the annual ► M2 greenhouse gas ◀ emissions;
- (d) the annual total fuel consumption for voyages;
- (e) the annual average fuel consumption and ►<u>M2</u> greenhouse gas ◀ emissions per distance travelled of voyages;
- (f) the annual average fuel consumption and ►<u>M2</u> greenhouse gas ← emissions per distance travelled and cargo carried on voyages;
- (g) the annual total time spent at sea in voyages;
- (h) the method applied for monitoring;

- the date of issue and the expiry date of the document of compliance;
- (i) the identity of the verifier that assessed the emissions report;
- (k) any other information monitored and reported on a voluntary basis in accordance with Article 10.
- 3. Where, due to specific circumstances, disclosure of a category of aggregated data under paragraph 2, which does not relate to ▶ M2 greenhouse gas ◄ emissions, would exceptionally undermine the protection of commercial interests deserving protection as a legitimate economic interest overriding the public interest in disclosure pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1367/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council (¹), a different level of aggregation of that specific data shall be applied, at the request of the company, so as to protect such interests. Where application of a different level of aggregation is not possible, the Commission shall not make those data publicly available.
- 4. The Commission shall publish an annual report on  $\searrow \underline{M2}$  greenhouse gas  $\swarrow$  emissions and other relevant information from maritime transport, including aggregated and explained results, with the aim of informing the public and allowing for an assessment of the  $\searrow \underline{M2}$  greenhouse gas  $\swarrow$  emissions and the energy efficiency of maritime transport per size, type of ships, activity, or any other category deemed relevant.

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5. The Commission shall every two years assess the overall impact of maritime transport activities on the global climate, including through emissions or effects of greenhouse gases other than CO<sub>2</sub> and of particles with a global warming potential not covered by this Regulation.

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6. Within the framework of its mandate, EMSA shall assist the Commission in its work to comply with this Article and Articles 12 and 17 of this Regulation, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1406/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council (2).

#### CHAPTER V

#### INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

# Article 22

#### International cooperation

1. The Commission shall inform the IMO and other relevant international bodies on a regular basis of the implementation of this Regulation, without prejudice to the distribution of competences or to decision-making procedures as provided for in the Treaties.

<sup>(</sup>¹) Regulation (EC) No 1367/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 September 2006 on the application of the provisions of the Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters to Community institutions and bodies (OJ L 264, 25.9.2006, p. 13).

<sup>(2)</sup> Regulation (EC) No 1406/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 June 2002 establishing a European Maritime Safety Agency (OJ L 208, 5.8.2002, p. 1).

- 2. The Commission and, where relevant, the Member States shall maintain technical exchange with third countries, in particular the further development of monitoring methods, the organisation of reporting and the verification of emissions reports.
- 3. In the event that an international agreement on a global monitoring, reporting and verification system for greenhouse gas emissions or on global measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from maritime transport is reached, the Commission shall review this Regulation and shall, if appropriate, propose amendments to this Regulation in order to ensure alignment with that international agreement.

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#### Article 22a

#### Review

The Commission shall, no later than 31 December 2024, review this Regulation, in particular taking into account further experience gained in its implementation, inter alia, for the purpose of including ships below 5 000 gross tonnage but not below 400 gross tonnage within the scope of this Regulation with a view to a possible subsequent inclusion of such ships within the scope of Directive 2003/87/EC or to proposing other measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from such ships. That review shall, where appropriate, be accompanied by a legislative proposal to amend this Regulation.

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#### CHAPTER VI

# DELEGATED AND IMPLEMENTING POWERS AND FINAL PROVISIONS

#### Article 23

# Exercise of delegation

1. The power to adopt delegated acts is conferred on the Commission subject to the conditions laid down in this Article. It is of particular importance that the Commission follow its usual practice and carry out consultations with experts, including Member States' experts, before adopting those delegated acts.

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2. The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in Article 5(2), Article 15(5) and Article 16(3) shall be conferred on the Commission for a period of five years from 1 July 2015.

The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in Article 6(8), Article 7(5), Article 11(4), Article 11a(4) and Article 13(6) shall be conferred on the Commission for a period of five years from 5 June 2023.

The Commission shall draw up a report in respect of the delegation of power not later than nine months before the end of the respective five-year period. The delegation of power shall be tacitly extended for periods of an identical duration, unless the European Parliament or the Council opposes such extension not later than three months before the end of each period.

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3. The delegation of power referred to in Article 5(2), Article 6(8), Article 7(5), Article 11(4), Article 11a(4), Article 13(6), Article 15(5) and Article 16(3) may be revoked at any time by the European Parliament or by the Council. A decision to revoke shall put an end to the delegation of the power specified in that decision. It shall take effect the day following the publication of the decision in the *Official Journal of the European Union* or at a later date specified therein. It shall not affect the validity of any delegated acts already in force.

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4. As soon as it adopts a delegated act, the Commission shall notify it simultaneously to the European Parliament and to the Council.

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5. A delegated act adopted pursuant to Article 5(2), Article 6(8), Article 7(5), Article 11(4), Article 11a(4), Article 13(6), Article 15(5) or Article 16(3) shall enter into force only if no objection has been expressed either by the European Parliament or by the Council within a period of two months of notification of that act to the European Parliament and the Council or if, before the expiry of that period, the European Parliament and the Council have both informed the Commission that they will not object. That period shall be extended by two months at the initiative of the European Parliament or of the Council.

However, the first subparagraph, last sentence, of this paragraph shall not apply to delegated acts adopted by 1 October 2023 pursuant to Article 5(2), second subparagraph, Article 6(8), second subparagraph, or Article 11(4).

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# Article 24

#### Committee procedure

- 1. The Commission shall be assisted by the Committee established by Article 26 of Regulation (EU) No 525/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council (¹). That Committee shall be a committee within the meaning of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011.
- 2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 shall apply. Where the committee delivers no opinion, the Commission shall not adopt the draft implementing act and the third subparagraph of Article 5(4) of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 shall apply.

#### Article 25

# Amendments to Directive 2009/16/EC

The following point shall be added to the list set out in Annex IV to Directive 2009/16/EC:

<sup>(</sup>¹) 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).

'50. Document of Compliance issued under Regulation (EU) 2015/757 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2015 on the monitoring, reporting and verification of carbon dioxide emissions from maritime transport, and amending Directive 2009/16/EC (\*).

(\*) OJ L 123, 19.5.2015, p. 55.'

#### Article 26

# Entry into force

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 July 2015.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

#### ANNEX I

# Methods for monitoring CO2 emissions

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# A. CALCULATION OF CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS (ARTICLE 9)

For the purposes of calculating  ${\rm CO}_2$  emissions companies shall apply the following formula:

Fuel consumption × emission factor

Fuel consumption shall include fuel consumed by main engines, auxiliary engines, gas turbines, boilers and inert gas generators.

Fuel consumption within ports at berth shall be calculated separately.

The following default values for emission factors for fuels used on board shall be applied:

	Type of fuel	Reference	Emission factor (t-CO <sub>2</sub> /t-fuel)
1.	Diesel/Gas oil	ISO 8217 Grades DMX through DMB	3,206
2.	Light fuel oil (LFO)	ISO 8217 Grades RMA through RMD	3,151
3.	Heavy fuel oil (HFO)	ISO 8217 Grades RME through RMK	3,114
4.	Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG)	Propane	3,000
		Butane	3,030
5.	Liquefied natural gas (LNG)		2,750
6.	Methanol		1,375
7.	Ethanol		1,913

Appropriate emission factors shall be applied for biofuels, alternative non-fossil fuels and other fuels for which no default values are specified.

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# B. METHODS FOR DETERMINING CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS

The company shall define in the monitoring plan which monitoring method is to be used to calculate fuel consumption for each ship under its responsibility and ensure that once the method has been chosen, it is consistently applied.

Actual fuel consumption for each voyage shall be used and be calculated using one of the following methods:

- (a) Bunker Fuel Delivery Note (BDN) and periodic stocktakes of fuel tanks;
- (b) Bunker fuel tank monitoring on board;
- (c) Flow meters for applicable combustion processes;
- (d) Direct CO<sub>2</sub> emissions measurements.

Any combination of these methods, once assessed by the verifier, may be used if it enhances the overall accuracy of the measurement.

1. Method A: BDN and periodic stocktakes of fuel tanks

This method is based on the quantity and type of fuel as defined on the BDN combined with periodic stocktakes of fuel tanks based on tank readings. The fuel at the beginning of the period, plus deliveries, minus fuel available at the end of the period and de-bunkered fuel between the beginning of the period and the end of the period together constitute the fuel consumed over the period.

The period means the time between two port calls or time within a port. For the fuel used during a period, the fuel type and the sulphur content need to be specified.

This method shall not be used when BDN are not available on board ships, especially when cargo is used as a fuel, for example, liquefied natural gas (LNG) boil-off.

Under existing MARPOL Annex VI regulations, the BDN is mandatory, is to be retained on board for three years after the delivery of the bunker fuel and is to be readily available. The periodic stocktake of fuel tanks on-board is based on fuel tank readings. It uses tank tables relevant to each fuel tank to determine the volume at the time of the fuel tank reading. The uncertainty associated with the BDN shall be specified in the monitoring plan. Fuel tank readings shall be carried out by appropriate methods such as automated systems, soundings and dip tapes. The method for tank sounding and uncertainty associated shall be specified in the monitoring plan.

Where the amount of fuel uplift or the amount of fuel remaining in the tanks is determined in units of volume, expressed in litres, the company shall convert that amount from volume to mass by using actual density values. The company shall determine the actual density by using one of the following:

(a) on-board measurement systems;

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- (b) the density measured by the fuel supplier at fuel uplift and recorded on the fuel invoice or BDN;
- (c) the density measured in a test analysis conducted in an accredited fuel test laboratory, where available.

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The actual density shall be expressed in kg/l and determined for the applicable temperature for a specific measurement. In cases for which actual density values are not available, a standard density factor for the relevant fuel type shall be applied once assessed by the verifier.

2. Method B: Bunker fuel tank monitoring on-board

This method is based on fuel tank readings for all fuel tanks on-board. The tank readings shall occur daily when the ship is at sea and each time the ship is bunkering or de-bunkering.

The cumulative variations of the fuel tank level between two readings constitute the fuel consumed over the period.

The period means the time between two port calls or time within a port. For the fuel used during a period, the fuel type and the sulphur content need to be specified.

Fuel tank readings shall be carried out by appropriate methods such as automated systems, soundings and dip tapes. The method for tank sounding and uncertainty associated shall be specified in the monitoring plan.

Where the amount of fuel uplift or the amount of fuel remaining in the tanks is determined in units of volume, expressed in litres, the company shall convert that amount from volume to mass by using actual density values. The company shall determine the actual density by using one of the following:

- (a) on-board measurement systems;
- (b) the density measured by the fuel supplier at fuel uplift and recorded on the fuel invoice or BDN;
- (c) the density measured in a test analysis conducted in an accredited fuel test laboratory, where available.

The actual density shall be expressed in kg/l and determined for the applicable temperature for a specific measurement. In cases for which actual density values are not available, a standard density factor for the relevant fuel type shall be applied once assessed by the verifier.

3. Method C: Flow meters for applicable combustion processes

This method is based on measured fuel flows on-board. The data from all flow meters linked to relevant CO<sub>2</sub> emission sources shall be combined to determine all fuel consumption for a specific period.

The period means the time between two port calls or time within a port. For the fuel used during a period, the fuel type and the sulphur content need to be monitored.

The calibration methods applied and the uncertainty associated with flow meters used shall be specified in the monitoring plan.

Where the amount of fuel consumed is determined in units of volume, expressed in litres, the company shall convert that amount from volume to mass by using actual density values. The company shall determine the actual density by using one of the following:

(a) on-board measurement systems;

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- (b) the density measured by the fuel supplier at fuel uplift and recorded on the fuel invoice or BDN;
- (c) the density measured in a test analysis conducted in an accredited fuel test laboratory, where available.

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The actual density shall be expressed in kg/l and determined for the applicable temperature for a specific measurement. In cases for which actual density values are not available, a standard density factor for the relevant fuel type shall be applied once assessed by the verifier.

4. Method D: Direct CO<sub>2</sub> emissions measurement

The direct  $\mathrm{CO}_2$  emissions measurements may be used for voyages and for  $\mathrm{CO}_2$  emissions occurring in ports located in a Member State's jurisdiction.  $\mathrm{CO}_2$  emitted shall include  $\mathrm{CO}_2$  emitted by main engines, auxiliary engines, gas turbines, boilers and inert gas generators. For ships for which reporting is based on this method, the fuel consumption shall be calculated using the measured  $\mathrm{CO}_2$  emissions and the applicable emission factor of the relevant fuels.

This method is based on the determination of  $CO_2$  emission flows in exhaust gas stacks (funnels) by multiplying the  $CO_2$  concentration of the exhaust gas with the exhaust gas flow.

The calibration methods applied and the uncertainty associated with the devices used shall be specified in the monitoring plan.

#### ANNEX II

#### Monitoring of other relevant information

- A. MONITORING ON A PER VOYAGE BASIS (ARTICLE 9)
- 1. For the purposes of monitoring other relevant information on a per-voyage basis (Article 9(1)), companies shall respect the following rules:
  - (a) ►M1 the date and hour of departure from berth and arrival at berth shall be considered using Greenwich Mean Time (GMT/UTC).
     The time spent at sea shall be calculated based on port departure and arrival information and shall exclude anchoring;
  - (b) the distance travelled may be either the distance of the most direct route between the port of departure and the port of arrival or the real distance travelled. In the event of the use of the distance of the most direct route between the port of departure and the port of arrival, a conservative correction factor should be taken into account to ensure that the distance travelled is not significantly underestimated. The monitoring plan shall specify which distance calculation is used and, if necessary, the correction factor used. ►M1 The distance travelled shall be determined from berth of the port of departure to berth of the port of arrival and shall be expressed in nautical miles; ◄
  - (c) transport work shall be determined by multiplying the distance travelled with the amount of cargo carried;
  - (d) for passenger ships, the number of passengers shall be used to express cargo carried. For all other categories of ships, the amount of cargo carried shall be expressed either as metric tonnes or as standard cubic metres of cargo, as appropriate;
  - (e) ►M1 for ro-ro ships, cargo carried shall be defined as the mass of cargo on board, determined as the actual mass or as the number of cargo units (trucks, cars, etc.) or occupied lane-metres multiplied by default values for their weight. <</p>

For the purposes of this Regulation, 'ro-ro ship' means a ship designed for the carriage of roll-on-roll-off cargo transportation units or with rollon-roll-off cargo spaces;

(f) for container ships, cargo carried shall be defined as the total weight in metric tonnes of the cargo or, failing that, the amount of 20-foot equivalent units (TEU) multiplied by default values for their weight. Where cargo carried by a container ship is defined in accordance with applicable IMO Guidelines or instruments pursuant to the Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS Convention), that definition shall be deemed to comply with this Regulation.

For the purposes of this Regulation, 'container ship' means a ship designed exclusively for the carriage of containers in holds and on deck;

- (g) the determination of cargo carried for categories of ships other than passenger ships, ro-ro ships and container ships shall enable the taking into account, where applicable, of the weight and volume of cargo carried and the number of passengers carried. Those categories shall include, inter alia, tankers, bulk carriers, general cargo ships, refrigerated cargo ships, vehicle carriers and combination carriers.
- 2. In order to ensure uniform conditions for the application of point (g) of paragraph 1, the Commission shall adopt, by means of implementing acts, technical rules specifying the parameters applicable to each of the other categories of ships referred to under that point.

Those implementing acts shall be adopted not later than 31 December 2016 in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 24(2).

The Commission, by means of implementing acts, may revise, where appropriate, the applicable parameters referred to in point (g) of paragraph 1. Where relevant, the Commission shall also revise those parameters to take account of amendments to this Annex pursuant to Article 5(2). Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 24(2).

In complying with the rules referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2, companies may also choose to include specific information relating to the ship's ice class and to navigation through ice.

# B. MONITORING ON AN ANNUAL BASIS (ARTICLE 10)

For the purposes of monitoring other relevant information on an annual basis, companies shall respect the following rules:

The values to be monitored under Article 10 shall be determined by aggregation of the respective per voyage data.

Average energy efficiency shall be monitored by using at least four indicators: fuel consumption per distance, fuel consumption per transport work, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per distance and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per transport work, which shall be calculated as follows:

Fuel consumption per distance = total annual fuel consumption/total distance travelled

Fuel consumption per transport work = total annual fuel consumption/total transport work

CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per distance = total annual CO<sub>2</sub> emissions/total distance travelled

CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per transport work = total annual CO<sub>2</sub> emissions/total transport work.

In complying with these rules, companies may also choose to include specific information relating to the ship's ice class and to navigation through ice, as well as other information related to the fuel consumed and CO<sub>2</sub> emitted, differentiating on the basis of other criteria defined in the monitoring plan.

#### ANNEX III

# Elements to be taken into account for the delegated acts provided for in Articles 15 and 16

# A. VERIFICATION PROCEDURES

- Competencies of verifiers,
- documents to be provided by companies to verifiers,
- risk assessment to be carried out by verifiers,
- assessment of the conformity of the monitoring plan,
- verification of the emissions report,
- materiality level,
- reasonable assurance of verifiers,
- misstatements and non-conformities,
- content of the verification report,
- recommendations for improvements,
- communication between companies, verifiers and the Commission.

#### B. ACCREDITATION OF VERIFIERS

- How accreditation for shipping activities can be requested,
- how verifiers will be assessed by the national accreditation bodies in order to issue an accreditation certificate,
- how the national accreditation bodies will perform the surveillance needed to confirm the continuation of the accreditation,
- requirements for national accreditation bodies in order to be competent to provide accreditation to verifiers for shipping activities, including reference to harmonised standards.

# DIRECTIVE (EU) 2023/959 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 10 May 2023

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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

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 192(1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

After transmission of the draft legislative act to the national parliaments,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee (1),

Having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions (2),

Acting in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure (3),

#### Whereas:

- (1) The Paris Agreement (4), adopted on 12 December 2015 under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) (the 'Paris Agreement'), entered into force on 4 November 2016. The Parties to the Paris Agreement have agreed to hold the increase in the global average temperature well below 2 °C above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1,5 °C above pre-industrial levels. That commitment has been reinforced with the adoption under the UNFCCC of the Glasgow Climate Pact on 13 November 2021, in which the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC, serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement, recognises that the impacts of climate change will be much lower at a temperature increase of 1,5 °C, compared with 2 °C, and resolves to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1,5 °C.
- (2) The urgency of the need to keep the Paris Agreement goal of 1,5 °C alive has become more significant following the findings of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in its Sixth Assessment Report that global warming can only be limited to 1,5 °C if strong and sustained reductions in global greenhouse gas emissions within this decade are immediately undertaken.
- (3) Tackling climate- and environmental-related challenges and reaching the objectives of the Paris Agreement are at the core of the communication of the Commission of 11 December 2019 on 'The European Green Deal' (the 'European Green Deal').
- (4) The European Green Deal combines a comprehensive set of mutually reinforcing measures and initiatives aimed at achieving climate neutrality in the Union by 2050, and sets out a new growth strategy that aims to transform the Union into a fair and prosperous society, with a modern, resource-efficient and competitive economy where economic growth is decoupled from resource use. It also aims to protect, conserve and enhance the Union's natural capital, and protect the health and well-being of citizens from environment-related risks and impacts. This transition affects workers from various sectors differently. At the same time, that transition has gender equality aspects as well as a particular impact on some disadvantaged and vulnerable groups, such as older people, persons with disabilities,

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ C 152, 6.4.2022, p. 175.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ C 301, 5.8.2022, p. 116.

<sup>(3)</sup> Position of the European Parliament of 18 April 2023 (not yet published in the Official Journal) and decision of the Council of 25 April 2023.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 282, 19.10.2016, p. 4.

persons with a minority racial or ethnic background and low and lower-middle income individuals and households. It also imposes greater challenges on certain regions, in particular structurally disadvantaged and peripheral regions, as well as on islands. It must therefore be ensured that the transition is just and inclusive, leaving no one behind.

- (5) On 17 December 2020, the Union submitted its nationally determined contribution (NDC) to the UNFCCC, following its approval by the Council. Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (δ), as amended by, inter alia, Directive (EU) 2018/410 of the European Parliament and of the Council (δ), is one of the instruments cited, subject to revision in light of the enhanced 2030 target, in the general description of the target in the Annex to that submission. The Council stated in its conclusions of 24 October 2022 that it stands ready, as soon as possible after the conclusions of the negotiations on the essential elements of the 'Fit for 55' package, to update, as appropriate, the NDC of the Union and its Member States, in line with paragraph 29 of the Glasgow Climate Pact to reflect how the final outcome of the essential elements of the 'Fit for 55' package implements the Union headline target as agreed by the European Council in December 2020. As the EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS), established by Directive 2003/87/EC, is a cornerstone of the Union's climate policy and constitutes its key tool for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in a cost-effective way, the amendments to Directive 2003/87/EC, including with regard to the scope thereof, adopted through this Directive are part of the essential elements of the 'Fit for 55' package.
- (6) The necessity and the value of delivering on the European Green Deal have only grown in light of the very severe effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the health, the living and working conditions and the well-being of the Union's citizens. Those effects have shown that our society and our economy need to improve their resilience in relation to external shocks and act early to prevent or mitigate the effects of external shocks in a manner that is just and results in no one being left behind, including those at risk of energy poverty. European citizens continue to express strong views that this applies in particular to climate change.
- (7) The Union committed to reducing the Union's economy-wide net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55 % compared to 1990 levels by 2030 in the updated NDC submitted to the UNFCCC Secretariat on 17 December 2020.
- (8) Through the adoption of Regulation (EU) 2021/1119 of the European Parliament and of the Council (7), the Union has enshrined in legislation the objective of economy-wide climate neutrality by 2050 at the latest and the aim of achieving negative emissions thereafter. That Regulation also establishes a binding Union domestic reduction target for net greenhouse gas emissions (emissions after deduction of removals) of at least 55 % compared to 1990 levels by 2030, and provides that the Commission is to endeavour to align all future draft measures or legislative proposals, including budgetary proposals, with the objectives of that Regulation and, in any case of non-alignment, provide the reasons for such non-alignment as part of the impact assessment accompanying those proposals.
- (9) All sectors of the economy need to contribute to achieving the emission reductions established by Regulation (EU) 2021/1119. Therefore, the ambition of the EU ETS should be adjusted so as to be in line with the economy-wide net greenhouse gas emission reduction target for 2030, the objective of achieving climate neutrality by 2050 at the latest and the aim of achieving negative emissions thereafter, as laid down in Regulation (EU) 2021/1119.

<sup>(5)</sup> 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 (OJ L 275, 25.10.2003, p. 32).

<sup>(6)</sup> Directive (EU) 2018/410 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 March 2018 amending Directive 2003/87/EC to enhance cost-effective emission reductions and low-carbon investments, and Decision (EU) 2015/1814 (OJ L 76, 19.3.2018, p. 3).

<sup>(\*)</sup> Regulation (EU) 2021/1119 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 June 2021 establishing the framework for achieving climate neutrality and amending Regulations (EC) No 401/2009 and (EU) 2018/1999 (European Climate Law') (OJ L 243, 9.7.2021, p. 1).

- (10) The EU ETS should incentivise production from installations that partly reduce or fully eliminate greenhouse gas emissions. Therefore, the description of some categories of activities in Annex I to Directive 2003/87/EC should be amended to ensure that installations performing an activity listed in that Annex and meeting the capacity threshold related to the same activity, but not emitting any greenhouse gases, are included within the scope of the EU ETS, and thereby ensure there is equal treatment of installations in the sectors concerned. In addition, free allocation for the production of a product should take into account, as guiding principles, the circular use-potential of materials and the fact that the benchmark should be independent of the feedstock or the type of production process, where the production processes have the same purpose. It is therefore necessary to modify the definition of the products and of the processes and emissions covered for some benchmarks, to ensure a level playing field for installations using new technologies that partly reduce or fully eliminate greenhouse gas emissions, and installations using existing technologies. Notwithstanding those guiding principles, the revised benchmarks for 2026 to 2030 should continue to distinguish between primary and secondary production of steel and aluminium. It is also necessary to decouple the update of the benchmark values for refineries and for hydrogen to reflect the increasing importance of production of hydrogen, including green hydrogen, outside the refineries sector.
- Following the modification of the definitions of the products and of the processes and emissions covered for some benchmarks, it is necessary to ensure that producers do not receive double compensation for the same emissions with both free allocation and indirect costs compensation, and thus to adjust accordingly the financial measures to compensate indirect costs passed on in electricity prices.
- (12) Council Directive 96/61/EC (8) was repealed by Directive 2010/75/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council (9). The references to Directive 96/61/EC in Article 2 of Directive 2003/87/EC and in its Annex IV should be updated accordingly. Given the need for urgent economy-wide emission reductions, Member States should be able to act to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that are within the scope of the EU ETS also through policies other than emission limits adopted pursuant to Directive 2010/75/EU.
- (13) In its communication of 12 May 2021 entitled 'Pathway to a Healthy Planet for All EU Action Plan: Towards Zero Pollution for Air, Water and Soil', the Commission calls for the steering of the Union towards zero pollution by 2050, by reducing air, freshwater, sea and soil pollution to levels which are no longer expected to be harmful for health and natural ecosystems. Measures under Directive 2010/75/EU, as the main instrument regulating air, water and soil pollutant emissions, will often also enable greenhouse gas emissions to be reduced. In line with Article 8 of Directive 2003/87/EC, Member States should ensure coordination between the permit requirements of Directive 2003/87/EC and those of Directive 2010/75/EU.
- Recognising that new innovative technologies will often allow emissions of both greenhouse gases and pollutants to be reduced, it is important to ensure synergies between measures delivering reductions of emissions of both greenhouse gases and pollutants, in particular Directive 2010/75/EU, and review their effectiveness in this regard.
- The definition of electricity generators was used to determine the maximum amount of free allocation to industry in the period from 2013 to 2020, but led to different treatment of cogeneration power plants compared to industrial installations. In order to incentivise the use of high efficiency cogeneration and to level the playing field for all installations receiving free allocation for heat production and district heating, all references to electricity generators in Directive 2003/87/EC should be deleted. In addition, Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/331 (10) specifies the details relating to the eligibility of all industrial processes for free allocation. Therefore, the provisions on carbon capture and storage in Article 10a(3) of Directive 2003/87/EC have become obsolete and should

<sup>(8)</sup> Council Directive 96/61/EC of 24 September 1996 concerning integrated pollution prevention and control (OJ L 257, 10.10.1996, p. 26).

Directive 2010/75/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010 on industrial emissions (integrated pollution prevention and control) (OJ L 334, 17.12.2010, p. 17).

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/331 of 19 December 2018 determining transitional Union-wide rules for harmonised free allocation of emission allowances pursuant to Article 10a of Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 59, 27.2.2019, p. 8).

- (16) Greenhouse gases that are not directly released into the atmosphere should be considered emissions under the EU ETS and allowances should be surrendered for those emissions unless they are stored in a storage site in accordance with Directive 2009/31/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (11), or they are permanently chemically bound in a product so that they do not enter the atmosphere under normal use and do not enter the atmosphere under any normal activity taking place after the end of the life of the product. The Commission should be empowered to adopt delegated acts specifying the conditions according to which greenhouse gases are to be considered as permanently chemically bound in a product so that they do not enter the atmosphere under normal use and do not enter the atmosphere under any normal activity after the end of the life of the product, including obtaining a carbon removal certificate, where appropriate, in view of regulatory developments with regard to the certification of carbon removals. Normal activity after the end of the life of the product should be understood broadly, covering all the activities taking place after the end of the life of the product, including reuse, remanufacturing, recycling and disposal, such as incineration and landfill.
- (17) International maritime transport activity, consisting of voyages between ports under the jurisdiction of two different Member States or between a port under the jurisdiction of a Member State and a port outside the jurisdiction of any Member State, has been the only means of transportation not included in the Union's past commitments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Emissions from fuel sold in the Union for voyages that depart in one Member State and arrive in a different Member State or a third country have grown by around 36 % since 1990. Those emissions represent close to 90 % of all Union navigation emissions, as emissions from fuel sold in the Union for voyages departing from and arriving in the same Member State have been reduced by 26 % since 1990. In a business-as-usual scenario, emissions from international maritime transport activities are projected to grow by around 14 % between 2015 and 2030 and by 34 % between 2015 and 2050. If the climate change impact of maritime transport activities grows as projected, it would significantly undermine reductions made by other sectors to combat climate change and therefore to achieve the economy-wide net greenhouse gas emission reduction target for 2030, the Union's climate-neutrality objective by 2050 at the latest, and the aim of achieving negative emissions thereafter, as laid down in Regulation (EU) 2021/1119, and the objectives of the Paris Agreement.
- (18) In 2013, the Commission adopted a strategy for progressively integrating maritime transport emissions into the Union's policy for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. As a first step in this approach, the Union established a system to monitor, report and verify emissions from maritime transport in Regulation (EU) 2015/757 of the European Parliament and of the Council (12), to be followed by the laying down of reduction targets for maritime transport and the application of a market-based measure. In line with the commitment of the co-legislators expressed in Directive (EU) 2018/410, action by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) or the Union should start from 2023, including preparatory work on adoption and implementation of a measure ensuring that the sector duly contributes to the efforts needed to achieve the objectives agreed under the Paris Agreement, and due consideration being given by all stakeholders.
- (19) Pursuant to Directive (EU) 2018/410, the Commission should report to the European Parliament and to the Council on the progress achieved in the IMO towards an ambitious emission reduction objective, and on accompanying measures to ensure that maritime transport duly contributes to the efforts needed to achieve the objectives agreed under the Paris Agreement. Efforts to limit global maritime emissions through the IMO are under way and should be encouraged, including the rapid implementation of the Initial IMO Strategy on Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Ships, adopted in 2018, which also refers to possible market-based measures to incentivise greenhouse gas emission reductions from international shipping. However, while recently there has been progress in the IMO, this has so far not been sufficient to achieve the objectives of the Paris Agreement. Given the international character of shipping, it is important that the Member States and the Union within their respective competences work with third countries to step up diplomatic efforts to strengthen global measures and make progress on the development of a global market-based measure at IMO level.

<sup>(1)</sup> Directive 2009/31/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009 on the geological storage of carbon dioxide and amending Council Directive 85/337/EEC, European Parliament and Council Directives 2000/60/EC, 2001/80/EC, 2004/35/EC, 2006/12/EC, 2008/1/EC and Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006 (OJ L 140, 5.6.2009, p. 114).

<sup>(12)</sup> Regulation (EU) 2015/757 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2015 on the monitoring, reporting and verification of carbon dioxide emissions from maritime transport, and amending Directive 2009/16/EC (OJ L 123, 19.5.2015, p. 55).

(20) Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions from maritime transport account for around 3 to 4 % of Union emissions. In the European Green Deal, the Commission stated its intention to take additional measures to address greenhouse gas emissions from maritime transport through a basket of measures to enable the Union to reach its emission reduction targets. In this context, Directive 2003/87/EC should be amended to include maritime transport in the EU ETS in order to ensure that that sector contributes its fair share to the increased climate objectives of the Union as well as to the objectives of the Paris Agreement, which in Article 4(4) states that developed countries should continue to take the lead by undertaking economy-wide emission reduction targets, while developing countries are encouraged to move over time towards economy-wide emission reduction or limitation targets. While emissions from international aviation outside Europe were to be capped from January 2021 by global market-based action, an action that caps or puts a price on maritime transport emissions is not yet in place. It is therefore appropriate that the EU ETS cover a share of the emissions from voyages between a port under the jurisdiction of a Member State and a port under the jurisdiction of a third country, with the third country being able to decide on appropriate action in respect of the other share of emissions.

The extension of the EU ETS to maritime transport should thus include half of the emissions from ships performing voyages arriving at a port under the jurisdiction of a Member State from a port outside the jurisdiction of a Member State, half of the emissions from ships performing voyages departing from a port under the jurisdiction of a Member State and arriving at a port outside the jurisdiction of a Member State, all of the emissions from ships performing voyages arriving at a port under the jurisdiction of a Member State from a port under the jurisdiction of a Member State, and all of the emissions within a port under the jurisdiction of a Member State. This approach has been noted as a practical way to solve the issue of common but differentiated responsibilities and capabilities, which has been a longstanding challenge in the UNFCCC context. The coverage of a share of the emissions from both incoming and outgoing voyages between the Union and third countries ensures the effectiveness of the EU ETS, in particular by increasing the environmental impact of the measure compared to a geographical scope limited to voyages within the Union, while limiting the risk of evasive port calls and the risk of delocalisation of transhipment activities outside the Union. To ensure a smooth inclusion of the sector in the EU ETS, the surrendering of allowances by shipping companies should be gradually increased with respect to verified emissions reported for the years 2024 and 2025.

To protect the environmental integrity of the system, where fewer allowances are surrendered compared to verified emissions for maritime transport during those years, once the difference between verified emissions and allowances surrendered has been established each year, an amount of allowances corresponding to that difference should be cancelled. From 2026, shipping companies should surrender the number of allowances corresponding to all of their verified emissions. While the climate impact of maritime transport is mainly due to its  $CO_2$  emissions, non- $CO_2$  emissions represent a significant share of emissions from ships. According to the Fourth IMO Greenhouse Gas Study 2020, methane emissions increased significantly over the period from 2012 to 2018. Methane and nitrous oxide emissions will likely grow over time, in particular with the development of vessels powered by liquefied natural gases or other energy sources. The inclusion of methane and nitrous oxide emissions would be beneficial for environmental integrity and for incentivising good practices. Those emissions should first be included in Regulation (EU) 2015/757 from 2024, and they should be included in the EU ETS from 2026.

(21) The extension of the scope of Directive 2003/87/EC to maritime transport will lead to changes in the cost of such transport. All parts of the Union will be affected by that extension of scope as the goods transported to and from ports within the Union by maritime transport have their origin or destination in the different Member States, including in landlocked Member States. The allocation of allowances to be auctioned by the Member States should therefore, in principle, not change as a consequence of the inclusion of maritime transport activities, and should include all Member States. However, Member States will be affected to different extents. In particular, Member States with a high reliance on shipping will be most exposed to the effect of the extension. Member States with a large maritime sector compared to their relative size will be more affected by the extension of the EU ETS to maritime transport. It is therefore appropriate to provide additional time-limited assistance to those Member States in the form of additional allowances to support decarbonisation of maritime activities and for the administrative costs incurred. The assistance should be gradually introduced in parallel with the introduction of surrender obligations and thus with the increased effect on those Member States. Within the context of the review of Directive 2003/87/EC, the Commission should consider the relevance of that additional assistance in light, in particular, of the development in the number of shipping companies under the responsibility of different Member States.

- (22) The EU ETS should contribute significantly to reducing greenhouse gas emissions from maritime activities and to increasing efficiency in relation to such activities. The use of EU ETS revenues pursuant to Article 10(3) of Directive 2003/87/EC should include, inter alia, the promotion of climate-friendly transport and public transport in all sectors.
- (23) Renewing fleets of ice-class ships and developing innovative technology that reduces the emissions of such ships will take time and require financial support. Currently, the design of ice-class ships, which enables them to sail in ice conditions, leads to such ships consuming more fuel and emitting more than ships of similar size designed for sailing only in open water. Therefore, a flag-neutral method should be implemented under this Directive allowing for a reduction, until 31 December 2030, of allowances to be surrendered by shipping companies on the basis of their ships' ice class.
- (24) Islands with no road or rail link with the mainland are more dependent on maritime transport than the other regions and depend on maritime links for their connectivity. In order to assist islands with a small population to remain connected following the inclusion of maritime transport activities within the scope of Directive 2003/87/EC, it is appropriate to provide for the possibility for a Member State to request a temporary derogation from the surrender obligations under that Directive for certain maritime transport activities with islands with a population of fewer than 200 000 permanent residents.
- (25) It should be possible for Member States to request that a transnational public service contract or a transnational public service obligation between two Member States be temporarily exempted from certain obligations under Directive 2003/87/EC. That possibility should be limited to connections between a Member State without a land border with another Member State and the geographically closest Member State, such as the maritime connection between Cyprus and Greece, which has been absent for over two decades. That temporary derogation would contribute to addressing the compelling need to provide a service of general interest and ensure connectivity as well as economic, social and territorial cohesion.
- (26) Taking into account the special characteristics and permanent constraints of the outermost regions of the Union as recognised in Article 349 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), and given their heavy dependence on maritime transport, special consideration should be given to preserving the accessibility of such regions and efficient connectivity by means of maritime transport. Therefore, a temporary derogation from certain obligations pursuant to Directive 2003/87/EC should be provided for emissions from maritime transport activities between a port located in an outermost region of a Member State and a port located in the same Member State, including ports located in the same outermost region and in another outermost region of the same Member State.
- The provisions of Directive 2003/87/EC as regards maritime transport activities should be kept under review in light of future international developments and efforts undertaken to achieve the objectives of the Paris Agreement, including the second global stocktake in 2028, and subsequent global stocktakes every five years thereafter, intended to inform successive NDCs. Those provisions should also be reviewed in the event of the adoption by the IMO of a global market-based measure to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from maritime transport. To this end, the Commission should present a report to the European Parliament and to the Council within 18 months of the adoption of such a measure and before it becomes operational. The Commission should in that report examine that global market-based measure as regards its ambition in light of the objectives of the Paris Agreement, its overall environmental integrity, including in comparison with the provisions of Directive 2003/87/EC covering maritime transport, and any issue related to the coherence of the EU ETS and that measure. In particular, the Commission should in its report take into account the level of participation in that global market-based measure, its enforceability, transparency, penalties for non-compliance, the processes for public input, the monitoring, reporting and verification of emissions, registries and accountability. Where appropriate, the report should be accompanied by a legislative proposal to amend Directive 2003/87/EC in a manner that is consistent with the Union 2030 climate target and the climate-neutrality objective set out in Regulation (EU) 2021/1119, and with the aim of preserving the environmental integrity and effectiveness of Union climate action, in order to ensure coherence between the implementation of the global market-based measure and the EU ETS, while avoiding any significant double burden, and thereby recalling the Union's competence to regulate its share of emissions from international shipping voyages, in line with the obligations of the Paris Agreement.

- (28) With the increased costs of shipping which the extension of Directive 2003/87/EC to maritime transport activities entails, there is, in the absence of a global market-based measure, a risk of evasion. Evasive port calls to ports outside of the Union and relocation of transhipment activities to ports outside of the Union will not only diminish the environmental benefits of internalising the cost of emissions from maritime transport activities but can also lead to additional emissions due to the extra distance travelled to evade the requirements of Directive 2003/87/EC. It is therefore appropriate to exclude from the definition of 'port of call' certain stops at non-Union ports. That exclusion should be targeted at ports in the Union's vicinity where the risk of evasion is greatest. A limit of 300 nautical miles from a port under the jurisdiction of a Member State constitutes a proportionate response to evasive behaviour, balancing the additional burden and the risk of evasion. Moreover, the exclusion from the definition of 'port of call' should only apply to stops by container ships at certain non-Union ports, where the transhipment of containers accounts for most container traffic. For such shipments, the risk of evasion, in the absence of mitigating measures, also consists in port hubs being shifted to ports outside the Union, aggravating the effects of the evasion. To ensure the proportionality of the measure and that it results in equal treatment, account should be taken of measures in third countries that have an effect equivalent to Directive 2003/87/EC.
- (29) The Commission should review the functioning of Directive 2003/87/EC in relation to maritime transport activities in the light of experience in applying that Directive, including detecting evasive behaviour in order to prevent such behaviour at an early stage, and should then propose measures to ensure the effectiveness of that Directive. Such measures could include increased surrender requirements for voyages where the evasion risk is higher, such as to and from a port that is located in the Union's vicinity, in a third country that has not adopted measures similar to Directive 2003/87/EC.
- (30) Emissions from ships below 5 000 gross tonnage represent less than 15 % of emissions from ships, taking into account the scope of application of this Directive, but are emitted by a large number of ships. For reasons of administrative practicability, it is too early to include ships below 5 000 gross tonnage in the EU ETS from the start of the inclusion of maritime transport, but their inclusion in the future would improve the effectiveness of the EU ETS and potentially reduce evasive behaviour with the use of ships below the 5 000 gross tonnage threshold. Therefore, no later than 31 December 2026, the Commission should present a report to the European Parliament and to the Council in which it should examine the feasibility and economic, environmental and social impacts of the inclusion in Directive 2003/87/EC of emissions from ships below 5 000 gross tonnage, including offshore ships.
- (31) The person or organisation responsible for the compliance with the EU ETS should be the shipping company, defined as the shippowner or any other organisation or person, such as the manager or the bareboat charterer, that has assumed the responsibility for the operation of the ship from the shipowner and that, on assuming such responsibility, has agreed to take over all the duties and responsibilities imposed by the International Management Code for the Safe Operation of Ships and for Pollution Prevention. This definition is based on the definition of 'company' in Article 3, point (d), of Regulation (EU) 2015/757, and in line with the global data collection system established in 2016 by the IMO.
- (32) The emissions from a ship depend, inter alia, on the vessel energy efficiency measures taken by the shipowner, and on the fuel, the cargo carried and the route and the speed of the ship, which can be under the control of a different entity from the shipowner. The responsibilities for purchasing fuel or taking operational decisions that affect the greenhouse gas emissions of the ship can be assumed by an entity other than the shipping company under a contractual arrangement. At the time the contract is negotiated, the latter aspects, in particular, would not be known and thus the ultimate emissions from the ship covered by Directive 2003/87/EC would be uncertain. However, unless the carbon costs were passed on to the entity operating the ship, the incentives to implement operational measures for fuel efficiency would be limited. In line with the 'polluter pays' principle and to encourage the adoption of efficiency measures and the uptake of cleaner fuels, the shipping company should therefore be entitled, under national law, to claim reimbursement for the costs arising from the surrender of allowances from the entity that is directly responsible for the decisions affecting the greenhouse gas emissions of the ship.

While such a mechanism of reimbursement could be subject to a contractual arrangement, Member States should, to reduce administrative costs, not be obliged to ensure or check the existence of such contracts, but should instead provide for, in national law, a statutory entitlement for the shipping company to be reimbursed and the corresponding access to justice to enforce that entitlement. For the same reasons, that entitlement, including any possible conflict relating to the reimbursement between the shipping company and the entity operating the ship, should not affect the obligations of the shipping company vis-à-vis the administering authority in respect of a shipping company or the enforcement measures that might be necessary against such a company to ensure there is full compliance by that company with Directive 2003/87/EC. At the same time, as the purpose served by the provision concerning the entitlement to reimbursement is closely connected with the Union, in particular in relation to the compliance with obligations under this Directive by a shipping company vis-à-vis a given Member State, it is important that that entitlement be observed throughout the Union, in all contractual relations that allow an entity other than the shipowner to determine the cargo carried or the route and the speed of the ship, in a manner that safeguards undistorted competition in the internal market, which can include provisions preventing parties to such contractual agreements from circumventing the entitlement to reimbursement by including a choice of law clause.

- (33) In order to reduce the administrative burden on shipping companies, one Member State should be responsible for each shipping company. The Commission should publish an initial list of shipping companies that performed a maritime transport activity falling within the scope of the EU ETS, which specifies the administering authority in respect of a shipping company. The list should be updated regularly and at least every two years to reattribute shipping companies to another such administering authority as relevant. For shipping companies registered in a Member State, the administering authority in respect of a shipping company should be that Member State. For shipping companies registered in a third country, the administering authority in respect of a shipping company should be the Member State in which the shipping company had the greatest estimated number of port calls from voyages falling within the scope of Directive 2003/87/EC in the preceding four monitoring years. For shipping companies which are registered in a third country and which did not perform any voyage falling within the scope of Directive 2003/87/EC in the preceding four monitoring years, the administering authority in respect of a shipping company should be the Member State where a ship of the shipping company started or ended its first voyage falling within the scope of that Directive. The Commission should publish and update, as relevant, on a biennial basis a list of shipping companies falling within the scope of Directive 2003/87/EC, specifying the administering authority in respect of a shipping company. In order to ensure equal treatment of shipping companies, Member States should follow harmonised rules for the administration of shipping companies for which they have responsibility, in accordance with detailed rules to be established by the Commission.
- (34) Member States should ensure that the shipping companies that they administer comply with the requirements of Directive 2003/87/EC. In the event that a shipping company fails to comply with those requirements and any enforcement measures taken by the administering authority in respect of a shipping company have failed to ensure compliance, Member States should act in solidarity. As a last resort measure, Member States, except for the Member State whose flag the ship is flying, should be able to refuse entry to the ships under the responsibility of the shipping company concerned, and the Member State whose flag the ship is flying should be able to detain that ship.
- (35) Shipping companies should monitor and report their aggregated emissions data from maritime transport activities at company level in accordance with the rules laid down in Regulation (EU) 2015/757. The reports on aggregated emissions data at company level should be verified in accordance with the rules laid down in that Regulation. When performing verification at company level, the verifier should not verify the emissions reports at ship level or the reports at ship level to be submitted where there is a change of company, as those reports at ship level will have been already verified.
- (36) Based on experience from similar tasks related to environmental protection, the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) or another relevant organisation should, as appropriate and in accordance with its mandate, assist the Commission and the administering authorities in respect of a shipping company in relation to the implementation of Directive 2003/87/EC. Owing to its experience with the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2015/757 and its IT tools, EMSA should assist the administering authorities in respect of a shipping company, in particular as regards the monitoring, reporting and verification of emissions generated by maritime transport activities under the scope of Directive 2003/87/EC, by facilitating the exchange of information or developing guidelines and criteria. The

Commission, assisted by EMSA, should endeavour to develop appropriate monitoring tools, as well as guidance to facilitate and coordinate verification and enforcement activities related to the application of Directive 2003/87/EC to maritime transport. As far as practicable, such tools should be made available to the Member States and the verifiers in order to better ensure robust enforcement of the national measures transposing Directive 2003/87/EC.

- (37) In parallel to the adoption of this Directive, Regulation (EU) 2015/757 is being amended to provide for monitoring, reporting and verification rules that are necessary for an extension of the EU ETS to maritime transport activities and to provide for the monitoring, reporting and verification of emissions of additional greenhouse gases and emissions from additional ship types.
- (38) Regulation (EU) 2017/2392 of the European Parliament and of the Council (13) amended Article 12(3) of Directive 2003/87/EC to allow all operators to use all allowances that are issued. The requirement for greenhouse gas emissions permits to contain an obligation to surrender allowances, pursuant to Article 6(2), point (e), of that Directive, should be aligned accordingly.
- (39) Achieving the Union's emission reduction target for 2030 will require a reduction in the emissions of the sectors covered by the EU ETS of 62 % compared to 2005. The Union-wide quantity of allowances of the EU ETS needs to be reduced to create the necessary long-term carbon price signal and impetus for that degree of decarbonisation. The total quantity of allowances should be reduced in 2024 and 2026 to bring it more in line with actual emissions. Moreover, the linear reduction factor should be increased in 2024 and in 2028, also taking into account the inclusion of emissions from maritime transport. The steeper cap trajectory resulting from those changes will lead to significantly greater levels of cumulative emission reductions up to 2030 than would have occurred pursuant to Directive (EU) 2018/410. The figures relating to the inclusion of maritime transport should be derived from the emissions from maritime transport activities that are addressed in Article 3ga of Directive 2003/87/EC and reported in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2015/757 for 2018 and 2019 in the Union and the States of the European Economic Area and the European Free Trade Association, adjusted, from 2021 until 2024, by the linear reduction factor for the year 2024. The linear reduction factor should be applied in 2024 to the increase of the Union-wide quantity of allowances in that year.
- (40) Achieving the increased climate ambition will require substantial public and private resources in the Union as well as in Member States to be dedicated to the climate transition. To complement and reinforce the substantial climate-related spending in the Union budget, all auction revenues that are not attributed to the Union budget in the form of own resources, or the equivalent financial value of such auction revenues, should be used for climate-related purposes, with the exception of the revenues used for the compensation of indirect carbon costs. The list of climate-related purposes in Article 10(3) of Directive 2003/87/EC should be expanded to cover additional purposes with a positive environmental impact. This should include use for financial support to address social aspects in lower- and middle-income households by reducing distortive taxes and targeted reductions of duties and charges for renewable electricity. Member States should report annually on the use of auctioning revenues in accordance with Article 19 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1999 of the European Parliament and of the Council (14), specifying, where relevant and as appropriate, which revenues are used and the actions that are taken to implement their integrated national energy and climate plans and their territorial just transition plans.

<sup>(</sup>¹³) Regulation (EU) 2017/2392 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2017 amending Directive 2003/87/EC to continue current limitations of scope for aviation activities and to prepare to implement a global market-based measure from 2021 (OJ L 350, 29.12.2017, p. 7).

<sup>(14)</sup> Regulation (EU) 2018/1999 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 on the Governance of the Energy Union and Climate Action, amending Regulations (EC) No 663/2009 and (EC) No 715/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Directives 94/22/EC, 98/70/EC, 2009/31/EC, 2009/73/EC, 2010/31/EU, 2012/27/EU and 2013/30/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, Council Directives 2009/119/EC and (EU) 2015/652 and repealing Regulation (EU) No 525/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 328, 21.12.2018, p. 1).

- (41) Member States' auctioning revenues will increase as a result of the inclusion of maritime transport in the EU ETS. Therefore, Member States are encouraged to increase the use of EU ETS revenues pursuant to Article 10(3) of Directive 2003/87/EC to contribute to the protection, restoration and better management of marine-based ecosystems, in particular marine protected areas.
- (42) Significant financial resources are needed to implement the goals of the Paris Agreement in developing countries and the Glasgow Climate Pact urges developed country Parties to urgently and significantly scale up their provision of climate finance. In its conclusions on the Preparations for the 27th Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC (COP 27), the Council recalls that the Union and its Member States are the largest contributor to international public climate finance and have more than doubled their contribution to climate finance to support developing countries since 2013. In those conclusions, the Council also renews the strong commitment made by the Union and its Member States to continue scaling up their international climate finance towards the developed countries' goal of mobilising at least USD 100 billion per year as soon as possible and through to 2025 from a wide variety of sources, and expects the goal to be met in 2023.
- (43) To address the distributional and social effects of the transition in low-income Member States, an additional amount of 2,5 % of the Union-wide quantity of allowances from 2024 to 2030 should be used to fund the energy transition of the Member States with a gross domestic product (GDP) per capita below 75 % of the Union average in the years 2016 to 2018, through the Modernisation Fund referred to in Article 10d of Directive 2003/87/EC.
- (44) The beneficiary Member States should be able to use the resources allocated to the Modernisation Fund to finance investments involving the adjacent Union border regions when this is relevant to the energy transition of beneficiary Member States.
- (45) Further incentives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by using cost-efficient techniques should be provided. To that end, the free allocation of emission allowances to stationary installations from 2026 onwards should be conditional on investments in techniques to increase energy efficiency and reduce emissions, in particular for large energy users. The Commission should ensure that the application of that conditionality does not jeopardise a level playing field, environmental integrity or equal treatment of installations across the Union. The Commission should therefore, without prejudice to the rules applicable under Directive 2012/27/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council (15), adopt delegated acts supplementing this Directive to address any issue identified in particular on the above-mentioned principles and provide for administratively simple rules for the application of the conditionality. Those rules should be part of the general rules on free allocation, using the established procedure for national implementing measures, and provide for timelines, for criteria for the recognition of implemented energy efficiency measures, as well as for alternative measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. In addition, incentives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions should be further reinforced for installations with high greenhouse gas emission intensities. To that end, from 2026 onwards, the free allocation of emission allowances to the 20 % stationary installations with the highest emission intensities under a given product benchmark should also be conditional on the setting-up and implementation of climate-neutrality plans.
- (46) The Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), established under Regulation (EU) 2023/956 of the European Parliament and of the Council (16), is set to replace the mechanisms established under Directive 2003/87/EC to prevent the risk of carbon leakage. To the extent that sectors and subsectors are covered by that measure, they should not receive free allocation. However, a transitional phasing-out of free allowances is needed to allow producers, importers and traders to adjust to the new regime. The reduction of free allocation should be implemented by applying a factor to free allocation for CBAM sectors, while CBAM is phased in. The CBAM factor should be equal to 100 % for the period between the entry into force of that Regulation and the end of 2025, and subject to the application of provisions referred to in Article 36(2), point (b), of that Regulation, should be equal to 97,5 % in 2026, 95 % in 2027, 90 % in 2028, 77,5 % in 2029, 51,5 % in 2030, 39 % in 2031, 26,5 % in 2032 and 14 % in 2033. From 2034, no CBAM factor should apply.

<sup>(15)</sup> Directive 2012/27/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on energy efficiency, amending Directives 2009/125/EC and 2010/30/EU and repealing Directives 2004/8/EC and 2006/32/EC (OJ L 315, 14.11.2012, p. 1).

<sup>(16)</sup> Regulation (EU) 2023/956 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 May 2023 establishing a carbon border adjustment mechanism (see page 52 of this Official Journal).

The relevant delegated acts on free allocation should be adjusted accordingly for the sectors and subsectors covered by CBAM. The free allocation no longer provided to the CBAM sectors based on this calculation (CBAM demand) is to be added to the Innovation Fund, so as to support innovation in low-carbon technologies, carbon capture and utilisation (CCU), carbon capture, transport and geological storage (CCS), renewable energy and energy storage, in a way that contributes to mitigating climate change. In this context, special attention should be given to projects in CBAM sectors. To respect the proportion of the free allocation available for non-CBAM sectors, the final amount to be deducted from the free allocation and made available under the Innovation Fund should be calculated based on the proportion that the CBAM demand represents in respect of the free allocation needs of all sectors receiving free allocation.

- (47) In order to mitigate potential carbon leakage risks related to goods subject to CBAM and produced in the Union for export to third countries which do not apply the EU ETS or a similar carbon pricing mechanism, an assessment should be carried out before the end of the transitional period under Regulation (EU) 2023/956. Where that assessment concludes that there is such a carbon leakage risk, the Commission should, where appropriate, submit a legislative proposal to address that carbon leakage risk in a manner that is compliant with the rules of the World Trade Organization. Moreover, Member States should be allowed to use auction revenues to address any residual risk of carbon leakage in CBAM sectors and in accordance with State aid rules. Where allowances coming from a reduction of free allocation in application of the conditionality rules are not fully used to exempt the installations with the lowest greenhouse gas emission intensity from the cross-sectoral correction, 50 % of those residual allowances should be added to the Innovation Fund. The other 50 % should be auctioned on behalf of Member States and they should use the revenue therefrom to address any residual risk of carbon leakage in CBAM sectors.
- (48) In order to better reflect technological progress while ensuring emission reduction incentives and properly rewarding innovation, the minimum adjustment of the benchmark values should be increased from 0,2 % to 0,3 % per year, and the maximum adjustment should be increased from 1,6 % to 2,5 % per year. For the period from 2026 to 2030, the benchmark values should thus be adjusted within a range of 6 % to 50 % compared to the value applicable in the period from 2013 to 2020. In order to provide predictability to installations, the Commission should adopt implementing acts determining the revised benchmark values for free allocation as soon as possible before the start of the period from 2026 to 2030.
- (49) To incentivise new breakthrough technologies in the steel industry and to avoid a significantly disproportionate reduction of the benchmark value and in light of the particular situation of the steel industry such as the high emission intensity and the international and Union market structure, it is necessary to exclude from the calculation of the hot metal benchmark value for the period from 2026 to 2030 installations that were operational during the reference period from 2021 to 2022 and that would otherwise be included in that calculation due to the review of the definition of the product benchmark for hot metal.
- (50) To reward best performers and innovation, installations whose greenhouse gas emission levels are below the average of the 10 % most efficient installations under a given benchmark should be excluded from the application of the cross-sectoral correction factor. Allowances that are not allocated due to a reduction of free allocation in application of the conditionality rules should be used to cover the deficit in the reduction of free allocation resulting from excluding best performers from the application of the cross-sectoral correction factor.
- (51) In order to speed up the decarbonisation of the economy while strengthening the industrial competitiveness of the Union, an additional 20 million allowances from the quantity which could otherwise be allocated for free and an additional 5 million allowances from the quantity which could otherwise be auctioned should be made available to the Innovation Fund. When reviewing the timing and sequencing of the auctioning for the Innovation Fund established in Commission Regulation (EU) No 1031/2010 (17) in view of the changes introduced by this Directive, the Commission should consider making available larger amounts of resources in the first years of implementation of the revised Directive 2003/87/EC to boost the decarbonisation of relevant sectors.

<sup>(17)</sup> Commission Regulation (EU) No 1031/2010 of 12 November 2010 on the timing, administration and other aspects of auctioning of greenhouse gas emission allowances pursuant to Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a system for greenhouse gas emission allowances trading within the Union (OJ L 302, 18.11.2010, p. 1).

- A comprehensive approach to innovation is essential for achieving the objectives of Regulation (EU) 2021/1119. At Union level, the necessary research and innovation efforts are supported, among other things, through Horizon Europe, which includes significant funding and new instruments for the sectors coming under the EU ETS. Consequently, the Commission should seek synergies with Horizon Europe and, where relevant, with other Union funding programmes.
- The Innovation Fund should support innovative techniques, processes and technologies, including the scaling-up of such techniques, processes and technologies, with a view to their broad roll-out across the Union. Breakthrough innovation should be prioritised in the selection of projects supported through grants.
- The scope of the Innovation Fund referred to in Article 10a(8) of Directive 2003/87/EC should be extended to support innovation in low- and zero-carbon technologies and processes that concern the consumption of fuels in the buildings, road transport and additional sectors, including collective forms of transport such as public transport and coach services. In addition, the Innovation Fund should serve to support investments to decarbonise maritime transport, including investments in energy efficiency of ships, ports and short-sea shipping, in electrification of the sector, in sustainable alternative fuels, such as hydrogen and ammonia that are produced from renewables, in zeroemission propulsion technologies such as wind technologies, and in innovations with regard to ice-class ships. Special attention should be given to innovative projects contributing to decarbonising the maritime sector and reducing all of its climate impacts, including black carbon emissions. In that respect, the Commission should provide for dedicated topics in Innovation Fund calls for proposals. Those calls should take biodiversity protection, noise and water pollution issues into account. As far as maritime transport is concerned, projects with clear added value for the Union should be eligible.
- Pursuant to Article 9 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/1122 (18), where aircraft operators no longer operate flights covered by the EU ETS, their accounts are set to 'excluded' status, and processes may no longer be initiated from those accounts. To preserve the environmental integrity of the EU ETS, allowances which are not issued to aircraft operators, due to them ceasing operations, should be used to cover any shortfall in surrenders by those operators, and any leftover allowances should be used to accelerate action to tackle climate change by being placed in the Innovation Fund.
- Technical assistance from the Commission focused on Member States from which few or no projects have been submitted so far would contribute to achieving a high number of project applications for funding by the Innovation Fund across all Member States. That assistance should, among other things, support activities aimed at improving the quality of proposals for projects located in the Member States from which few or no projects have been submitted, for example through sharing information, lessons learned and best practice, and at boosting the activities of national contact points. Other measures serving the same aim include measures to raise awareness of funding options and increase the capacity of those Member States to identify and support potential project applicants. Project partnerships across Member States and matchmaking between potential applicants, in particular for largescale projects, should also be promoted.
- In order to improve the role of Member States in the governance of the Innovation Fund and increase transparency, the Commission should report to the Climate Change Committee on the implementation of the Innovation Fund, providing an analysis of the expected impact of awarded projects by sector and by Member State. The Commission should also provide the report to the European Parliament and to the Council and make it public. Subject to the agreement of applicants, following the closure of a call for proposals, the Commission should inform Member States of the applications for funding of projects in their respective territories and should provide them with detailed information of those applications in order to facilitate the Member States' coordination of the support to projects. In addition, the Commission should inform the Member States about the list of pre-selected projects prior to the award of the support. Member States should ensure that the national transposition provisions do not hamper innovation and are technologically neutral, while the Commission should provide technical assistance, in particular

<sup>(18)</sup> Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/1122 of 12 March 2019 supplementing Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the functioning of the Union Registry (OJ L 177, 2.7.2019, p. 3).

to Member States with low effective participation, in order to improve the effective geographical participation in the Innovation Fund and increase the overall quality of submitted projects. The Commission should also ensure comprehensive monitoring and reporting, including information on progress towards effective, quality-based geographical coverage across the Union and appropriate follow-up.

- (58) In order to align with the comprehensive nature of the European Green Deal, the selection process for projects supported through grants should give priority to projects addressing multiple environmental impacts. In order to support the replication and the faster market penetration of the technologies or solutions that are supported, projects funded by the Innovation Fund should share knowledge with other relevant projects as well as with Union-based researchers having a legitimate interest.
- (59) Contracts for difference (CDs), carbon contracts for difference (CCDs) and fixed premium contracts are important elements for the triggering of emission reductions in industry through the scaling-up of new technologies, offering the opportunity to guarantee investors in innovative climate-friendly technologies a price that rewards CO<sub>2</sub> emission reductions above those induced by the prevailing carbon price level in the EU ETS. The range of measures that the Innovation Fund can support should be extended to provide support to projects through competitive bidding, leading to the award of CDs, CCDs or fixed premium contracts. Competitive bidding would be an important mechanism for supporting the development of decarbonisation technologies and optimising the use of available resources. It would also offer certainty to investors in those technologies. With a view to minimising any contingent liability for the Union budget, risk mitigation should be ensured in the design of CDs and CCDs and appropriate coverage by a budgetary commitment should be provided with full coverage at least for the first two rounds of CDs and CCDs with appropriations resulting from the proceeds of auctioning of allowances allocated pursuant to Article 10a(8) of Directive 2003/87/EC.

No such risks exist for fixed premium contracts because the legal commitment will be covered by a matching budgetary commitment. In addition, the Commission should conduct, after concluding the first two rounds of CDs and CCDs, and each time it is necessary thereafter, a qualitative and quantitative assessment of the financial risks arising from their implementation. The Commission should be empowered to adopt a delegated act to provide, based on the results of that assessment, for an appropriate provisioning rate rather than full coverage for subsequent rounds of CDs or CCDs. Such an approach should take into account any elements that could reduce the financial risks for the Union budget, in addition to the allowances available in the Innovation Fund, such as possible sharing of liability with Member States, on a voluntary basis, or a possible re-insurance mechanism from the private sector. It is therefore necessary to provide for derogations from parts of Title X of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council (19). The provisioning rate for the first two rounds of CDs and CCDs should be 100 %.

However, by way of derogation from Article 210(1), Article 211(1) and (2) and Article 218(1) of that Regulation, a minimum provisioning rate of 50 % as well as a maximum share of revenue from the Innovation Fund to be used for provisioning of 30 % should be set in this Directive for subsequent rounds of CDs and CCDs and the Commission should be able to specify the provisioning rate necessary on the basis of the experience from the first two calls for proposals and the amount of revenue to be used for provisioning. The total financial liability borne by the Union budget should thus not exceed 60 % of the proceeds from auctioning for the Innovation Fund. Moreover, as provisioning will come, in general, from the Innovation Fund, derogations should be made from the rules in Articles 212, 213 and 214 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 relating to the common provisioning fund established by Article 212 of that Regulation. The novel nature of CDs and CCDs might also necessitate derogations from Article 209(2), points (d) and (h), of that Regulation, given that they do not rely on leverage/multipliers or depend entirely on an ex ante assessment, from Article 219(3), due to the link to Article 209(2), point (d), and from Article 219(6) thereof, as implementing partners will not have credit or equity exposures under a guarantee. The use of any derogation from Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 should be limited to what is necessary. The Commission should be empowered to amend the maximum share of revenue from the Innovation Fund to be used for provisioning by no more than 20 percentage points above what is provided for in this Directive.

<sup>(</sup>¹¹) Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1).

- (60) The Innovation Fund is subject to the general regime of conditionality for the protection of the Union budget established by Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2092 of the European Parliament and of the Council (20).
- (61) Where an installation's activity is temporarily suspended, free allocation is adjusted to the activity levels which are mandatorily reported annually. In addition, competent authorities can suspend the issuance of emission allowances to installations that have suspended operations as long as there is no evidence that they will resume operations. Therefore, operators should no longer be required to demonstrate to the competent authority that their installation will resume production within a specified and reasonable time in the event of a temporary suspension of the activities.
- (62) Corrections of free allocation granted to stationary installations pursuant to Article 11(2) of Directive 2003/87/EC can require granting additional free allowances or transferring back surplus allowances. The allowances set aside for new entrants under Article 10a(7) of Directive 2003/87/EC should be used for those purposes.
- (63) Since 2013, electricity producers have been obliged to purchase all the allowances they need to generate electricity. Nevertheless, in accordance with Article 10c of Directive 2003/87/EC, some Member States have the option of providing transitional free allocation for the modernisation of the energy sector for the period from 2021 to 2030. Three Member States have chosen to use that option. Given the need for rapid decarbonisation, especially in the energy sector, the Member States concerned should only be able to provide this transitional free allocation for investments carried out until 31 December 2024. They should be able to add any remaining allowances for the period from 2021 to 2030 that are not used for such investments, in the proportion they determine, to the total quantity of allowances that the Member State concerned receives for auctioning, or use them to support investments within the framework of the Modernisation Fund. With the exception of the deadline for notification thereof, allowances transferred to the Modernisation Fund should be subject to the same rules concerning investments that are applicable to the allowances already transferred pursuant to Article 10d(4) of Directive 2003/87/EC. To ensure predictability and transparency with regard to the amount of allowances available either for auctioning or for the transitional free allocation, and with regard to the assets managed by the Modernisation Fund, Member States should inform the Commission of the amounts of remaining allowances to be used for each purpose, respectively, by 15 May 2024.
- (64) The scope of the Modernisation Fund should be aligned with the most recent climate objectives of the Union by requiring that investments are consistent with the objectives of the European Green Deal and Regulation (EU) 2021/1119, and eliminating the support to any investments related to energy generation based on fossil fuels, except as regards the support for such investments with revenue from allowances voluntarily transferred to the Modernisation Fund in accordance with Article 10d(4) of Directive 2003/87/EC. In addition, limited support for such investments should continue to be possible with revenue from the allocations referred to in Article 10(1), third subparagraph, of that Directive under certain conditions, in particular where the activity qualifies as environmentally sustainable under Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of the European Parliament and of the Council (21) and as regards the allowances auctioned until 2027. For the latter category of allowances, the downstream uses of non-solid fossil fuels should, in addition, not be supported with revenue from allowances auctioned after 2028. Furthermore, the percentage of the Modernisation Fund that needs to be devoted to priority investments should be increased to 80 % for the Modernisation Fund allowances transferred in accordance with Article 10d(4) of Directive 2003/87/EC and referred to in Article 10(1), third subparagraph, of that Directive, and to 90 % for the additional amount of 2,5 % from the Union-wide quantity of allowances.

Energy efficiency including in industry, transport, buildings, agriculture and waste; heating and cooling from renewable sources; as well as support for households to address energy poverty, including in rural and remote areas, should be included within the scope of the priority investments. In order to increase transparency and better assess the impact of the Modernisation Fund, the Investment Committee should report annually to the Climate Change Committee on experience with the evaluation of investments, in particular in terms of emission reductions and abatement costs.

<sup>(20)</sup> Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2092 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2020 on a general regime of conditionality for the protection of the Union budget (OJ L 433 I, 22.12.2020, p. 1).

<sup>(21)</sup> Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2020 on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment, and amending Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 (OJ L 198, 22.6.2020, p. 13).

- Directive (EU) 2018/410 introduced provisions relating to the cancellation by Member States of allowances from their auction volume in respect of closures of electricity-generation capacity in their territory. In view of the increased climate ambition of the Union and the resulting accelerated decarbonisation of the electricity sector, such cancellation has become increasingly relevant. Therefore, the Commission should assess whether the use by Member States of cancellation can be facilitated by amending the relevant delegated acts adopted pursuant to Article 10(4) of Directive 2003/87/EC.
- Adjustments to free allocation introduced in Directive (EU) 2018/410 and put into effect by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1842 (22) improved the efficiency and incentives provided by free allocation, but increased the administrative burden and rendered the historical date of issuance of free allocation of 28 February inoperative. In order to better take into account the adjustments to free allocation, it is appropriate to make adjustments to the compliance cycle. The deadline for competent authorities to grant free allocation should therefore be postponed from 28 February to 30 June and the deadline for operators to surrender allowances should be postponed from 30 April to 30 September.
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/2066 (23) lays down rules on the monitoring of emissions from biomass, which are consistent with the rules on the use of biomass laid down in the Union legislation on renewable energy. As the legislation becomes more elaborate on the sustainability criteria for biomass with the latest rules established in Directive (EU) 2018/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council (24), the conferral of implementing powers in Article 14(1) of Directive 2003/87/EC should be explicitly extended to the adoption of the necessary adjustments for the application in the EU ETS of sustainability criteria for biomass, including biofuels, bioliquids and biomass fuels. In addition, the Commission should be empowered to adopt implementing acts to specify how to account for the storage of emissions from mixes of zero-rated biomass and biomass that is not from zero-rated sources.
- Renewable liquid and gaseous fuels of non-biological origin and recycled carbon fuels can be important for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in sectors that are hard to decarbonise. Where recycled carbon fuels and renewable liquid and gaseous fuels of non-biological origin are produced from captured CO2 under an activity covered by this Directive, the emissions should be accounted for under that activity. To ensure that renewable fuels of nonbiological origin and recycled carbon fuels contribute to greenhouse gas emission reductions, and to avoid double counting for fuels that do so, it is appropriate to explicitly extend the empowerment in Article 14(1) of Directive 2003/87/EC to the adoption by the Commission of implementing acts laying down the necessary adjustments for how to account for the eventual release of CO<sub>2</sub>, in a way that ensures that all emissions are accounted for, including where such fuels are produced from captured CO2 outside the Union, while avoiding double counting and ensuring appropriate incentives are in place for capturing emissions, taking also into account the treatment of those fuels under Directive (EU) 2018/2001.
- As CO<sub>2</sub> is also expected to be transported by means other than pipelines, such as by ship and by truck, the current coverage in Annex I to Directive 2003/87/EC for transport of greenhouse gases for the purpose of storage should be extended to all means of transport for reasons of equal treatment and irrespective of whether the means of transport are covered by the EU ETS. Where the emissions from the transport are also covered by another activity under Directive 2003/87/EC, the emissions should be accounted for under that other activity to prevent double counting.

<sup>(22)</sup> Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1842 of 31 October 2019 laying down rules for the application of Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards further arrangements for the adjustments to free allocation of emission allowances due to activity level changes (OJ L 282, 4.11.2019, p. 20).

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/2066 of 19 December 2018 on the monitoring and reporting of greenhouse gas emissions pursuant to Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Regulation (EU) No 601/2012 (OJ L 334, 31.12.2018, p. 1).

Directive (EU) 2018/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources (OJ L 328, 21.12.2018, p. 82).

(70) The exclusion from the EU ETS of installations exclusively using biomass has led to situations where installations combusting a high share of biomass have obtained windfall profits by receiving free allowances greatly exceeding actual emissions. Therefore, a threshold value for zero-rated biomass combustion should be introduced, above which installations are excluded from the EU ETS. The introduction of a threshold would provide more certainty as to which installations are under the EU ETS scope and would enable free allowances to be more evenly distributed to sectors more at risk of carbon leakage in particular. The threshold should be set at a level of 95 % to balance the advantages and disadvantages for installations of remaining under the scope of the EU ETS. Therefore, installations that have retained the physical capacity to burn fossil fuels should not be incentivised to revert to the use of such fuels. A threshold of 95 % would ensure that if an installation uses fossil fuels with the purpose of remaining within the scope of the EU ETS to benefit from free allocation allowances, the carbon costs related to the use of those fossil fuels would be sufficiently important to act as a disincentive.

That threshold would also ensure that installations using a sizeable quantity of fossil fuels will remain within the monitoring obligations of the EU ETS, thus avoiding potential circumvention of existing monitoring, reporting and verification obligations. At the same time, installations which combust a lower share of zero-rated biomass should continue to be encouraged, through a flexible mechanism, to reduce fossil fuel combustion further while remaining under the scope of the EU ETS until their use of sustainable biomass is so substantial that their inclusion under the EU ETS is no longer justified. In addition, experience has shown that the exclusion of installations exclusively using biomass, effectively being a 100 % threshold except for the combustion of fossil fuels during start-up and shutdown phases, requires a reassessment and more precise definition. The 95 % threshold allows for the combustion of fossil fuels during start-up and shutdown phases.

- (71) In order to incentivise the uptake of low- and zero-carbon technologies, Member States should provide operators with the options of remaining within the scope of the EU ETS until the end of the current and next five-year period referred to in Article 11(1) of Directive 2003/87/EC if the installation changes its production process to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions and no longer meets the threshold of 20 MW of total rated thermal input.
- (72) The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) published its final report on emission allowances and associated derivatives on 28 March 2022. The report is a comprehensive analysis of the integrity of the European carbon market and has provided expertise and recommendations in relation to upholding the proper functioning of the carbon market. In order to continuously monitor market integrity and transparency, the reporting by ESMA should be conducted on a regular basis. ESMA is already assessing market developments and, where necessary, provides recommendations, in the area of its competence, in its report on trends, risks and vulnerabilities in accordance with Article 32(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1095/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council (25). Analysis of the European carbon market, which includes the auctions of emission allowances, on-venue and over-the-counter trading in emission allowances and derivatives thereof, should be part of that annual reporting. This obligation would lead to streamlining of the reporting done by ESMA and allow for cross-market comparisons, in particular due to strong linkages between the EU ETS and commodity derivative markets.

Such regular analysis by ESMA should in particular monitor any market volatility and price evolution, the operation of the auctions and trading operations on the markets, liquidity and the volumes traded, and the categories and trading behaviour of market participants, including speculative activity significantly impacting on prices. Its assessments should, where relevant, include recommendations to improve market integrity and transparency as well as reporting obligations, and to enhance the prevention and detection of market abuse and help in maintaining orderly markets for emission allowances and derivatives thereof. The Commission should take due account of the assessments and recommendations in the context of the annual carbon market report and, where necessary, in the reports to ensure the better functioning of the carbon market.

<sup>(25)</sup> Regulation (EU) No 1095/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010 establishing a European Supervisory Authority (European Securities and Markets Authority), amending Decision No 716/2009/EC and repealing Commission Decision 2009/77/EC (OJ L 331, 15.12.2010, p. 84).

- (73) In order to further incentivise investments required for the decarbonisation of district heating and to address social aspects related to high energy prices and the high greenhouse gas emission intensity of district heating installations, in Member States with a very high share of emissions from district heating in comparison with the size of the economy, operators should be able to apply for additional transitional free allocation for district heating installations and the additional value of the free allocation should be invested to significantly reduce emissions before 2030. To ensure those reductions take place, the additional transitional free allocation should be conditional on investments made and on emission reductions achieved as laid down in climate-neutrality plans to be drawn up by operators for their relevant installations.
- (74) Unexpected or sudden excessive price increases in the carbon market can negatively affect market predictability, which is essential for the planning of decarbonisation investments. Therefore, the measure which applies in the event of excessive price fluctuations in the market for emissions allowance trading covered under Chapters II and III of Directive 2003/87/EC should be strengthened in a careful manner to improve its reactivity to unwarranted price fluctuations. If the triggering condition based on the increase in the average allowance price is met, this rule-based safeguard measure should apply automatically, thereby resulting in a release of a predetermined number of allowances from the market stability reserve established by Decision (EU) 2015/1814 of the European Parliament and of the Council (26). The triggering condition should be closely monitored by the Commission and published on a monthly basis in order to improve transparency. To ensure the orderly auctioning of the allowances released from the market stability reserve pursuant to this safeguard measure and to improve market predictability, this measure should not apply again until at least twelve months after the end of the previous release of allowances in the market under the measure.
- (75) The communication of the Commission of 17 September 2020 entitled 'Stepping up Europe's 2030 climate ambition Investing in a climate-neutral future for the benefit of our people' underlined the particular challenge of reducing the emissions in the buildings and road transport sectors. Therefore, the Commission announced that a further expansion of emissions trading could include emissions from buildings and road transport, while indicating that covering all emissions from fuel combustion would present important benefits. Emissions trading should be applied to fuels used for combustion in the buildings and road transport sectors as well as in additional sectors which correspond to industrial activities not covered by Annex I to Directive 2003/87/EC such as the heating of industrial facilities ('buildings, road transport and additional sectors'). For those sectors, a separate but parallel emissions trading system should be established to avoid any disturbance of the well-functioning emissions trading system for stationary installations and aviation. The new system is accompanied by complementary policies shaping expectations of market participants and aiming for a carbon price signal for the whole economy while providing measures to avoid undue price impacts. Previous experience has shown that the development of the new system requires setting up an efficient monitoring, reporting and verification system. With a view to ensuring synergies and consistency with the existing Union infrastructure for the EU ETS, it is appropriate to set up an emissions trading system for the buildings, road transport and additional sectors via an amendment to Directive 2003/87/EC.
- (76) In order to establish the necessary implementation framework and to provide a reasonable timeframe for reaching the 2030 target, emissions trading in the buildings, road transport and additional sectors should start in 2025. During the first years, the regulated entities should be required to hold a greenhouse gas emissions permit and to report their emissions for the years 2024 to 2026. The issuance of allowances and compliance obligations for those entities should be applicable as from 2027. This sequencing would allow emissions trading in those sectors to start in an orderly and efficient manner. It would also allow the measures to be in place to ensure a socially fair introduction of emissions trading into the buildings, road transport and additional sectors, so as to mitigate the impact of the carbon price on vulnerable households and transport users.
- (77) Due to the very large number of small emitters in the buildings, road transport and additional sectors, it is not possible to establish the point of regulation at the level of entities directly emitting greenhouse gases, as is the case for stationary installations and aviation. Therefore, for reasons of technical feasibility and administrative efficiency, it is more appropriate to establish the point of regulation further upstream in the supply chain. The act that triggers the compliance obligation under the new emissions trading system should be the release for consumption of fuels which are used for combustion in the buildings and road transport sectors, including for road transport of

<sup>(26)</sup> Decision (EU) 2015/1814 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 October 2015 concerning the establishment and operation of a market stability reserve for the Union greenhouse gas emission trading scheme and amending Directive 2003/87/EC (OJ L 264, 9.10.2015, p. 1).

greenhouse gases for the purpose of their geological storage, as well as in the additional sectors which correspond to industrial activities not covered by Annex I to Directive 2003/87/EC. To avoid double coverage, the release for consumption of fuels which are used in activities under Annex I to that Directive should not be covered.

- (78) The regulated entities in the buildings, road transport and additional sectors and the point of regulation should be defined in line with the system of excise duty established by Council Directive (EU) 2020/262 (27), with the necessary adaptations, as that Directive already lays down a robust control system for all quantities of fuels released for consumption for the purposes of paying excise duties. Final consumers of fuels in those sectors should not be subject to obligations under Directive 2003/87/EC.
- (79) The regulated entities falling within the scope of the emissions trading system in the buildings, road transport and additional sectors should be subject to similar greenhouse gas emissions permit requirements as the operators of stationary installations. It is necessary to establish rules on permit applications, conditions for permit issuance, content, and review, and any changes related to the regulated entity. In order for the new system to start in an orderly manner, Member States should ensure that regulated entities falling within the scope of the new emissions trading system have a valid permit as of the start of the system in 2025.
- (80) The total quantity of allowances for the new emissions trading system should follow a linear trajectory to reach the emission reduction target for 2030, taking into account the cost-efficient contribution of the buildings and road transport sectors of 43 % emission reductions by 2030 compared to 2005 and of the additional sectors, a combined cost-efficient contribution of 42 % emission reductions by 2030 compared to 2005. The total quantity of allowances should be established for the first time in 2027, to follow a trajectory starting in 2024 from the value of the 2024 emissions limits, calculated in accordance with Article 4(2) of Regulation (EU) 2018/842 of the European Parliament and of the Council (28) on the basis of the reference emissions for the sectors covered for 2005 and the period from 2016 to 2018 as determined under Article 4(3) of that Regulation. Accordingly, the linear reduction factor should be set at 5,10 %. From 2028, the total quantity of allowances should be set on the basis of the average reported emissions for the years 2024, 2025 and 2026, and should decrease by the same absolute annual reduction rate as set from 2024, which corresponds to a 5,38 % linear reduction factor compared to the comparable 2025 value of the above defined trajectory. If those emissions are significantly higher than that trajectory value and if such divergence is not due to small-scale differences in emission measurement methodologies, the linear reduction factor should be adjusted to reach the required level of emission reduction in 2030.
- (81) The auctioning of allowances is the simplest and the most economically efficient method for allocating emission allowances, and also avoids windfall profits. Both the buildings and road transport sectors are under relatively little or non-existent competitive pressure from outside the Union and are not exposed to a risk of carbon leakage. Therefore, allowances for buildings and road transport should only be allocated via auctioning, without there being any free allocation.
- (82) In order to ensure a smooth start to the new emissions trading system and taking into account the need of the regulated entities to hedge or buy ahead allowances to mitigate their price and liquidity risk, a higher amount of allowances should be auctioned early on. In 2027, the auction volumes should therefore be 30 % higher than the total quantity of allowances for 2027. This amount would be sufficient to provide liquidity, both if emissions decrease in line with the reductions needed, and in the event that emission reductions only materialise progressively. The detailed rules for that front-loading of auction volumes should be established in a delegated act related to auctioning, adopted pursuant to Article 10(4) of Directive 2003/87/EC.

<sup>(27)</sup> Council Directive (EU) 2020/262 of 19 December 2019 laying down the general arrangements for excise duty (OJ L 58, 27.2.2020, p. 4).

<sup>(28)</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).

- (83) The distribution rules on auction shares are highly relevant for any auction revenues that would accrue to the Member States, especially in view of the need to strengthen the ability of the Member States to address the social impacts of a carbon price signal in the buildings and road transport sectors. Notwithstanding the fact that those buildings, road transport and additional sectors have very different characteristics, it is appropriate to set a common distribution rule similar to the one applicable to stationary installations. The majority of the allowances should be distributed among all Member States on the basis of the average distribution of the emissions in road transportation, commercial and institutional buildings and residential buildings, during the period from 2016 to 2018.
- (84) The introduction of the carbon price in the buildings and road transport sectors should be accompanied by effective social compensation, especially in view of the existing levels of energy poverty. About 34 million Europeans, nearly 6,9 % of the Union population, have said that they cannot afford to heat their home sufficiently in a 2021 Union-wide survey. To achieve effective social and distributional compensation, Member States should be required to spend the auction revenues from emissions trading for the buildings, road transport and additional sectors on the climate and energy-related purposes already specified for the existing emissions trading system, giving priority to activities that can contribute to addressing social aspects of the emissions trading in the buildings, road transport and additional sectors, or for measures added specifically to address related concerns for those sectors, including related policy measures under Directive 2012/27/EU.

A new Social Climate Fund established by Regulation (EU) 2023/955 of the European Parliament and of the Council (29) will provide dedicated funding to Member States to support the most affected vulnerable groups, especially households in energy or transport poverty. The Social Climate Fund will promote fairness and solidarity between and within Member States while mitigating the risk of energy and transport poverty during the transition. It will build on and complement existing solidarity mechanisms, in synergy with other Union spending programmes and funds. 50 million allowances from the EU ETS pursuant to Article 10a(8b) of Directive 2003/87/EC and 150 million allowances from emissions trading in the buildings, road transport and additional sectors, and revenue generated from the auctioning of allowances concerning the buildings, road transport and additional sectors, up to a maximum of EUR 65 000 000 000, should be used for the financing of the Social Climate Fund in the form of external assigned revenue on a temporary and exceptional basis, pending the discussions and deliberations on the Commission's proposal of 22 December 2021 for a Council Decision amending Decision (EU, Euratom) 2020/2053 on the system of own resources of the European Union concerning the establishment of a new own resource based on the EU ETS in accordance with Article 311, third paragraph, TFEU.

It is necessary to provide that, where a decision is adopted in accordance with Article 311, third paragraph, TFEU establishing that new own resource, the same revenue should cease to be externally assigned when such a decision enters into force. With regard to the Social Climate Fund, the Commission is, in the event of the adoption of such a decision, to present, as appropriate, the necessary proposals in accordance with Article 27(4) of Regulation (EU) 2023/955. This is without prejudice to the outcome of the post-2027 Multiannual Financial Framework negotiations.

- (85) Reporting on the use of auctioning revenues should be aligned with the current reporting established by Regulation (EU) 2018/1999.
- (86) Regulated entities covered by the new emissions trading system should surrender allowances for their verified emissions corresponding to the quantities of fuels they have released for consumption. They should surrender allowances for the first time for their verified emissions in 2027. In order to minimise the administrative burden, a number of rules applicable to the existing emissions trading system for stationary installations and aviation should be made applicable to the new emissions trading system for the buildings, road transport and additional sectors, with the necessary adaptations. This includes, in particular, rules on transfer, surrender and cancellation of allowances, as well as the rules on the validity of allowances, penalties, competent authorities and reporting obligations of Member States.

<sup>(29)</sup> Regulation (EU) 2023/955 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 May 2023 establishing a Social Climate Fund and amending Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 (see page 1 of this Official Journal).

- (87) Certain Member States already have national carbon taxes that apply to the buildings, road transport and additional sectors covered by Annex III to Directive 2003/87/EC. Therefore, a temporary derogation should be introduced until the end of 2030. To ensure the objectives of Directive 2003/87/EC are achieved and that the new emissions trading system is coherent, the option of applying that derogation should only be available where the national tax rate is higher than the average auctioning price for the relevant year, and should only apply to the surrender obligation of the regulated entities paying such a tax. To ensure stability and transparency of the system, the national tax, including the relevant tax rates, should be notified to the Commission by the end of the transposition period of this Directive. The derogation should not affect the external assigned revenue for the Social Climate Fund or, if established in accordance with Article 311, third paragraph, TFEU, an own resource based on the auctioning revenues from emissions trading in the buildings, road transport and additional sectors.
- For emissions trading in the buildings, road transport and additional sectors to be effective, it should be possible to monitor emissions with high certainty and at reasonable cost. Emissions should be attributed to regulated entities on the basis of fuel quantities released for consumption and combined with an emission factor. Regulated entities should be able to reliably and accurately identify and differentiate the sectors in which the fuels are released for consumption, as well as the final users of the fuels, in order to avoid undesirable effects, such as a double burden. In the small number of cases where double counting between emissions in the existing EU ETS and the new emissions trading system for the buildings, road transport and additional sectors cannot be avoided, or where costs arise due to the surrender of allowances for emissions from activities not covered by Directive 2003/87/EC, Member States should use such revenue to compensate for the unavoidable double counting or other such costs outside the buildings, road transport and additional sectors in accordance with Union law. Implementing powers should therefore be conferred on the Commission to ensure uniform conditions for avoiding double counting and allowances being surrendered for emissions not covered by the emissions trading system for buildings, road transport and additional sectors, and for providing financial compensation. To further mitigate any issues of double counting, the deadlines for monitoring and surrendering in the new emissions trading system should be one month after the deadlines in the existing system for stationary installations and aviation. To have sufficient data to establish the total quantity of allowances for the period from 2028 to 2030, the regulated entities holding a permit at the start of the system in 2025 should report their associated historical emissions for 2024.
- (89) Transparency as regards carbon costs and the extent to which they are passed on to consumers is of key importance for enabling swift and cost-efficient emission reductions in all sectors of the economy. This is of particular importance in an emissions trading system which is based on upstream obligations. The new emissions trading system is meant to incentivise regulated entities to reduce the carbon content of the fuels, and such entities should not make undue profits by passing on more carbon costs to consumers than they incur. While full auctioning of emissions allowances under the emissions trading system for the buildings, road transport and additional sectors already limits the occurrence of such undue profits, the Commission should monitor the extent to which regulated entities pass on carbon costs, so that windfall profits are avoided. In relation to Chapter IVa, the Commission should report annually, where possible by type of fuel, on the average level of the carbon costs which have been passed on to consumers in the Union.
- (90) It is appropriate to introduce measures to address the potential risk of excessive price increases, which, if particularly high at the start of the new emissions trading system, may undermine the readiness of households and individuals to invest in reducing their greenhouse gas emissions. Those measures should complement the safeguards provided by the market stability reserve and that became operational in 2019. While the market will continue to determine the carbon price, safeguard measures will be triggered by a rules-based automatic mechanism, whereby allowances will be released from the market stability reserve only if one or more concrete triggering conditions based on the increase in the average allowance price are met. This additional mechanism should also be highly reactive, in order to address excessive volatility due to factors other than changed market fundamentals. The measures should be adapted to different levels of excessive price increase, which will result in different degrees of intervention. The triggering conditions should be closely monitored by the Commission and the measures should be adopted by the Commission as a matter of urgency when those conditions are met. This should be without prejudice to any accompanying measures that Member States might adopt to address adverse social impacts.

- (91) In order to increase certainty for citizens that the carbon price in the initial years of the new emissions trading system does not go above EUR 45, it is appropriate to include an additional price stability mechanism to release allowances from the market stability reserve in the event the carbon price exceeds that level. In principle, the measure should apply once during a period of 12 months. However, it should also be able to apply again during the same period of 12 months where the Commission, assisted by the Climate Change Committee, considers that the evolution of the price justifies another release of allowances. In view of the aim of this mechanism to ensure stability in the initial years of the new emissions trading system, the Commission should assess its functioning and whether it should be continued after 2029.
- (92) As an additional safeguard mechanism ahead of the start of emissions trading in the buildings, road transport and additional sectors, it should be possible to delay the application of the cap and the surrendering obligations where gas or oil wholesale prices are exceptionally high compared to historical trends. The mechanism should be automatic, meaning that the application of the cap and the surrendering obligations is to be delayed by one year if concrete energy price triggers are met. The reference prices should be determined on the basis of benchmark contracts in the gas and oil wholesale markets which are immediately available and the most relevant for final consumers. Separate trigger conditions for gas and oil prices should be envisaged, as their price developments follow different historical trends. In order to ensure market certainty, the Commission should provide clarity on the application of the delay sufficiently in advance, through a notice in the Official Journal of the European Union.
- (93) The application of emissions trading in the buildings, road transport and additional sectors should be monitored by the Commission, including the degree of price convergence with the existing EU ETS, and, if necessary, a review should be proposed to the European Parliament and to the Council to improve the effectiveness, administration and practical application of emissions trading for those sectors on the basis of acquired knowledge as well as increased price convergence. The Commission should be required to submit the first report on those matters by 1 January 2028.
- (94) In order to ensure uniform conditions for the implementation of Article 3ga(2), Article 3gf(2) and (4), Article 10b(4), Article 12(3-d) and (3-c), Article 14(1), Article 30f(3) and (5) and Article 30h(7) of Directive 2003/87/EC, implementing powers should be conferred on the Commission. To ensure synergies with the existing regulatory framework, the conferral of implementing powers in Articles 14 and 15 of that Directive should be extended to cover the buildings, road transport and additional sectors. Those implementing powers, except the implementing powers in relation to Article 3gf(2) and Article 12(3-d) and (3-c) of Directive 2003/87/EC, should be exercised in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council (30).
- (95) In order to achieve the objectives laid down in this Directive and other Union legislation, particularly those in Regulation (EU) 2021/1119, the Union and its Member States should make use of the latest scientific evidence while implementing policies. Therefore, when the European Scientific Advisory Board on Climate Change provides scientific advice and issues reports regarding the EU ETS, the Commission should take such advice and reports into account, in particular, as regards the need for additional Union policies and measures to ensure compliance with the objectives and targets of Regulation (EU) 2021/1119, and additional Union policies and measures in view of the ambition and environmental integrity of global market-based measures for aviation and maritime transport.
- (96) To acknowledge the contribution of EU ETS revenues to the climate transition, an EU ETS label should be introduced. Among other measures to ensure the visibility of funding from the EU ETS, Member States and the Commission should ensure that projects and activities supported through the Modernisation Fund and the Innovation Fund are clearly indicated as coming from EU ETS revenues by displaying an appropriate label.

<sup>(30)</sup> Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 2011 laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers (OJ L 55, 28.2.2011, p. 13).

(97) With a view to achieving the climate-neutrality objective set out in Article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1119, a Union-wide climate target for 2040 should be set, based on a legislative proposal to amend that Regulation. The EU ETS should be reviewed to align it with the Union 2040 climate target. As a result, by July 2026 the Commission should report on several aspects of the EU ETS to the European Parliament and to the Council, accompanying the report, where appropriate, by a legislative proposal and impact assessment. In line with Regulation (EU) 2021/1119, priority should be given to direct emission reductions, which will have to be complemented by increased carbon removals in order to achieve climate neutrality. Therefore, among other aspects, by July 2026 the Commission should report to the European Parliament and to the Council on how emissions removed from the atmosphere and safely and permanently stored, for example through direct air capture, could potentially be covered by emissions trading, without offsetting necessary emission reductions. Until all stages of the life of a product in which captured carbon is used are subject to carbon pricing, in particular at the stage of waste incineration, reliance on accounting for emissions at the point of their release from products into the atmosphere would result in emissions being undercounted.

In order to regulate the capture of carbon in a way that reduces net emissions and ensures that all emissions are accounted for and that double counting is avoided, while generating economic incentives, the Commission should assess, by July 2026, whether all greenhouse gas emissions covered by Directive 2003/87/EC are effectively accounted for, and whether double counting is effectively avoided. In particular, it should assess the accounting for the greenhouse gas emissions which are considered to have been captured and utilised in a product in a way other than that referred to in Article 12(3b), and take into account the downstream stages, including disposal and waste incineration. Finally, the Commission should also report to the European Parliament and to the Council on the feasibility of lowering the 20 MW total rated thermal input thresholds for the activities in Annex I to Directive 2003/87/EC, taking into account the environmental benefits and administrative burden.

(98) By July 2026, the Commission should also assess and report to the European Parliament and to the Council on the feasibility of including municipal waste incineration installations in the EU ETS, including with a view to their inclusion from 2028, and provide an assessment of the potential need for an option for a Member State to opt out until the end of 2030, taking into account the importance of all sectors contributing to emission reductions. Inclusion of municipal waste incineration installations in the EU ETS would contribute to the circular economy by encouraging recycling, reuse and repair of products, while also contributing to economy-wide decarbonisation. The inclusion of municipal waste incineration installations would reinforce incentives for sustainable management of waste in line with the waste hierarchy and would create a level playing field between the regions that have included municipal waste incineration under the scope of the EU ETS.

To avoid diversion of waste from municipal waste incineration installations towards landfills in the Union, which create methane emissions, and to avoid exports of waste to third countries, with a potentially negative impact on the environment, in its report the Commission should take into account the potential diversion of waste towards disposal by landfilling in the Union and waste exports to third countries. The Commission should also take into account the effects on the internal market, potential distortions of competition, environmental integrity, alignment with the objectives of Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (31) and robustness and accuracy with respect to the monitoring and calculation of emissions. Considering the methane emissions from landfilling and to avoid creating an uneven playing field, the Commission should also assess the possibility of including other waste management processes, such as landfilling, fermentation, composting and mechanical-biological treatment, in the EU ETS, when assessing the feasibility of including municipal waste incineration installations.

(99) In order to adopt non-legislative acts of general application to supplement or amend certain non-essential elements of a legislative act, the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 TFEU should be delegated to the Commission in respect of the timing, administration and other aspects of auctioning, the rules on the application of conditionality, the rules on the operation of the Innovation Fund, the rules on the operation of the competitive bidding mechanism in relation to CDs and CCDs, the requirements for considering that greenhouse gases have become permanently chemically bound in a product and the extension of the activity referred to in Annex III to Directive 2003/87/EC to other sectors. Moreover, to ensure synergies with the existing regulatory framework, the delegation in Article 10(4) of Directive 2003/87/EC concerning the timing, administration and other aspects of

<sup>(31)</sup> Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on waste and repealing certain Directives (OJ L 312, 22.11.2008, p. 3).

auctioning should be extended to cover the buildings, road transport and additional sectors. It is of particular importance that the Commission carry out appropriate consultations during its preparatory work, including at expert level, and that those consultations be conducted in accordance with the principles laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-Making (32). In particular, to ensure equal participation in the preparation of delegated acts, the European Parliament and the Council receive all documents at the same time as Member States' experts, and their experts systematically have access to meetings of Commission expert groups dealing with the preparation of delegated acts.

- (100) The provisions relating to the existing EU ETS and its extension to maritime transport should apply from 2024 in line with the need for urgent climate action and for all sectors to contribute to emission reductions in a cost-effective manner. Consequently, Member States should transpose the provisions relating to those sectors by 31 December 2023. However, the deadline for transposing the provisions relating to the emissions trading system for the buildings, road transport and additional sectors should be 30 June 2024, as the rules on monitoring, reporting, verification and permitting for those sectors apply from 1 January 2025, and require sufficient time for orderly implementation. As an exception, to guarantee transparency and robust reporting, Member States should transpose the obligation to report on historical emissions for those sectors by 31 December 2023, as that obligation relates to the emissions in the year 2024. In accordance with the Joint Political Declaration of 28 September 2011 of Member States and the Commission on explanatory documents (33), Member States have undertaken to accompany, in justified cases, the notification of their transposition measures with one or more documents explaining the relationship between the components of a directive and the corresponding parts of national transposition instruments. With regard to this Directive, the legislator considers the transmission of such documents to be justified.
- (101) A well-functioning, reformed EU ETS comprising an instrument to stabilise the market is a key means for the Union to achieve the economy-wide net greenhouse gas emission reduction target for 2030, the Union's climate-neutrality objective by 2050 at the latest, and the aim of achieving negative emissions thereafter as laid down in Regulation (EU) 2021/1119, as well as the objectives of the Paris Agreement. The market stability reserve seeks to address the imbalance between supply and demand of allowances in the market. Article 3 of Decision (EU) 2015/1814 provides that the reserve is to be reviewed three years after it becomes operational, paying particular attention to the percentage figure for the determination of the number of allowances to be placed in the market stability reserve, the threshold for the total number of allowances in circulation (TNAC) that determines the intake of allowances, and the number of allowances to be released from the reserve. The current threshold determining the placing of allowances in the market stability reserve was established in 2018, with the last review of the EU ETS, while the linear reduction factor is being increased with this Directive. Therefore, as part of the regular review of the functioning of the market stability reserve, the Commission should also assess the need for a potential adjustment of that threshold, in line with the linear factor referred to in Article 9 of Directive 2003/87/EC.
- (102) Considering the need to deliver a stronger investment signal to reduce emissions in a cost-efficient manner and with a view to strengthening the EU ETS, Decision (EU) 2015/1814 should be amended so as to increase the percentage rate for determining the number of allowances to be placed each year in the market stability reserve. In addition, for lower levels of the TNAC, the intake should be equal to the difference between the TNAC and the threshold that determines the intake of allowances. This would prevent the considerable uncertainty in the auction volumes that results when the TNAC is close to the threshold, and at the same time ensure that the surplus reaches the volume bandwidth within which the carbon market is deemed to operate in a balanced manner.
- (103) Furthermore, in order to ensure that the level of allowances that remains in the market stability reserve after the invalidation is predictable, the invalidation of allowances in the reserve should no longer depend on the auction volumes of the previous year. The number of allowances in the reserve should, therefore, be fixed at a level of 400 million allowances, which corresponds to the lower threshold for the value of the TNAC.

<sup>(32)</sup> OJ L 123, 12.5.2016, p. 1.

<sup>(33)</sup> OJ C 369, 17.12.2011, p. 14.

- (104) The analysis of the impact assessment accompanying the proposal for this Directive has also shown that net demand from aviation should be included in the TNAC. In addition, since aviation allowances can be used in the same way as general allowances, including aviation in the reserve would make it a more accurate, and thus a better, tool to ensure the stability of the market. The calculation of the TNAC should include aviation emissions and allowances issued in respect of aviation as of the year following the entry into force of this Directive.
- (105) To clarify the calculation of the TNAC, Decision (EU) 2015/1814 should specify that only allowances issued and not put in the market stability reserve are included in the supply of allowances. Moreover, the formula should no longer subtract the number of allowances in the market stability reserve from the supply of allowances. This change would have no material impact on the result of the calculation of the TNAC, including on the past calculations of the TNAC or on the reserve.
- (106) In order to mitigate the risk of supply and demand imbalances associated with the start of emissions trading for the buildings, road transport and additional sectors, as well as to render it more resistant to market shocks, the rule-based mechanism of the market stability reserve should be applied to those sectors. For that reserve to be operational from the start of the system, it should be established with an initial endowment of 600 million allowances for emissions trading in the buildings, road transport and additional sectors. The initial lower and upper thresholds, which trigger the release or intake of allowances from the reserve, should be subject to a general review clause. Other elements such as the publication of the TNAC or the quantity of allowances released or placed in the reserve should follow the rules of the reserve for other sectors.
- (107) Since the objectives of this Directive, namely to promote reductions of greenhouse gas emissions in a cost-effective and economically efficient way in a manner commensurate with the economy-wide net greenhouse gas emission reduction target for 2030 through an extended and amended Union wide market-based mechanism, cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States but can rather, by reason of its scale and effects, be better achieved at Union level, the Union may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty on European Union. In accordance with the principle of proportionality as set out in that Article, this Directive does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve those objectives.
- (108) Directive 2003/87/EC and Decision (EU) 2015/1814 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

#### Article 1

## Amendments to Directive 2003/87/EC

Directive 2003/87/EC is amended as follows:

(1) in Article 1, the second paragraph is replaced by the following:

'This Directive also provides for the reductions of greenhouse gas emissions to be increased so as to contribute to the levels of reductions that are considered scientifically necessary to avoid dangerous climate change. It contributes to the achievement of the Union's climate-neutrality objective and its climate targets as laid down in Regulation (EU) 2021/1119 of the European Parliament and of the Council (\*) and thereby to the objectives of the Paris Agreement (\*\*).

<sup>(\*)</sup> Regulation (EU) 2021/1119 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 June 2021 establishing the framework for achieving climate neutrality and amending Regulations (EC) No 401/2009 and (EU) 2018/1999 (European Climate Law') (OJ L 243, 9.7.2021, p. 1).

<sup>(\*\*)</sup> OJ L 282, 19.10.2016, p. 4.';

- (2) in Article 2, paragraphs 1 and 2 are replaced by the following:
  - 1. This Directive shall apply to the activities listed in Annexes I and III, and to the greenhouse gases listed in Annex II. Where an installation that is included within the scope of the EU ETS due to the operation of combustion units with a total rated thermal input exceeding 20 MW changes its production processes to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions and no longer meets that threshold, the Member State in which that installation is situated shall provide the operator with the options of remaining within the scope of the EU ETS until the end of the current and next five-year period referred to in Article 11(1), second subparagraph, following the change to its production processes. The operator of that installation may decide that the installation is to remain within the scope of the EU ETS until the end of the current five-year period only or also of the next five-year period, following the change to its production processes. The Member State concerned shall notify the Commission of changes compared to the list submitted to the Commission pursuant to Article 11(1).
  - 2. This Directive shall apply without prejudice to any requirements pursuant to Directive 2010/75/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council (\*).
  - (\*) Directive 2010/75/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010 on industrial emissions (integrated pollution prevention and control) (OJ L 334, 17.12.2010, p. 17).';
- (3) Article 3 is amended as follows:
  - (a) point (b) is replaced by the following:
    - '(b) "emissions" means the release of greenhouse gases from sources in an installation or the release from an aircraft performing an aviation activity listed in Annex I or from ships performing a maritime transport activity listed in Annex I of the gases specified in respect of that activity, or the release of greenhouse gases corresponding to the activity referred to in Annex III;';
  - (b) point (d) is replaced by the following:
    - '(d) "greenhouse gas emissions permit" means the permit issued in accordance with Articles 5, 6 and 30b;';
  - (c) point (u) is deleted;
  - (d) the following points are added:
    - '(w) "shipping company" means the shipowner or any other organisation or person, such as the manager or the bareboat charterer, that has assumed the responsibility for the operation of the ship from the shipowner and that, on assuming such responsibility, has agreed to take over all the duties and responsibilities imposed by the International Management Code for the Safe Operation of Ships and for Pollution Prevention, set out in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 336/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council (\*);
    - (x) "voyage" means a voyage as defined in Article 3, point (c), of Regulation (EU) 2015/757 of the European Parliament and of the Council (\*\*);
    - (y) "administering authority in respect of a shipping company" means the authority responsible for administering the EU ETS in respect of a shipping company in accordance with Article 3gf;
    - (z) "port of call" means the port where a ship stops to load or unload cargo or to embark or disembark passengers, or the port where an offshore ship stops to relieve the crew; stops for the sole purposes of refuelling, obtaining supplies, relieving the crew of a ship other than an offshore ship, going into dry-dock or making repairs to the ship, its equipment, or both, stops in port because the ship is in need of assistance or in distress, ship-to-ship transfers carried out outside ports, stops for the sole purpose of taking shelter from adverse weather or rendered necessary by search and rescue activities, and stops of containerships in a neighbouring container transhipment port listed in the implementing act adopted pursuant to Article 3ga(2) are excluded;

- (aa) "cruise passenger ship" means a passenger ship that has no cargo deck and is designed exclusively for commercial transportation of passengers in overnight accommodation on a sea voyage;
- (ab) "contract for difference" or "CD" means a contract between the Commission and the producer, selected through a competitive bidding mechanism such as an auction, of a low- or zero-carbon product, and under which the producer is provided with support from the Innovation Fund covering the difference between the winning price, also known as the strike price, on the one hand, and a reference price derived from the price of the low- or zero-carbon product produced, the market price of a close substitute, or a combination of those two prices, on the other hand;
- (ac) "carbon contract for difference" or "CCD" means a contract between the Commission and the producer, selected through a competitive bidding mechanism such as an auction, of a low- or zero-carbon product, and under which the producer is provided with support from the Innovation Fund covering the difference between the winning price, also known as the strike price, on the one hand, and a reference price derived from the average price of allowances, on the other hand;
- (ad) "fixed premium contract" means a contract between the Commission and the producer, selected through a competitive bidding mechanism such as an auction, of a low- or zero-carbon product, and under which the producer is provided with support in the form of a fixed amount per unit of the product produced;
- (ae) "regulated entity" for the purposes of Chapter IVa means any natural or legal person, except for any final consumer of the fuels, that engages in the activity referred to in Annex III and that falls within one of the following categories:
  - (i) where the fuel passes through a tax warehouse as defined in Article 3, point (11), of Council Directive (EU) 2020/262 (\*\*\*), the authorised warehousekeeper as defined in Article 3, point (1), of that Directive, liable to pay the excise duty which has become chargeable pursuant to Article 7 of that Directive;
  - (ii) if point (i) of this point is not applicable, any other person liable to pay the excise duty which has become chargeable pursuant to Article 7 of Directive (EU) 2020/262 or Article 21(5), first subparagraph, of Council Directive 2003/96/EC (\*\*\*\*) in respect of the fuels covered by Chapter IVa of this Directive;
  - (iii) if points (i) and (ii) of this point are not applicable, any other person that has to be registered by the relevant competent authorities of the Member State for the purpose of being liable to pay the excise duty, including any person exempt from paying the excise duty, as referred to in Article 21(5), fourth subparagraph, of Directive 2003/96/EC;
  - (iv) if points (i), (ii) and (iii) are not applicable, or if several persons are jointly and severally liable for payment of the same excise duty, any other person designated by a Member State;
- (af) "fuel" for the purposes of Chapter IVa of this Directive means any energy product referred to in Article 2(1) of Directive 2003/96/EC, including the fuels listed in Table A and Table C of Annex I to that Directive, as well as any other product intended for use, offered for sale or used as motor fuel or heating fuel as specified in Article 2(3) of that Directive, including for the production of electricity;
- (ag) "release for consumption" for the purposes of Chapter IVa of this Directive means release for consumption as defined in Article 6(3) of Directive (EU) 2020/262;
- (ah) "TTF gas price" for the purposes of Chapter IVa means the price of the gas futures month-ahead contract traded at the Title Transfer Facility (TTF) Virtual Trading Point, operated by Gasunie Transport Services B.V.;

- "Brent crude oil price" for the purposes of Chapter IVa means the futures month-ahead price for crude oil, used as a benchmark price for the purchase of oil.
- (\*) Regulation (EC) No 336/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 February 2006 on the implementation of the International Safety Management Code within the Community and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 3051/95 (OJ L 64, 4.3.2006, p. 1).
- Regulation (EU) 2015/757 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2015 on the monitoring, reporting and verification of carbon dioxide emissions from maritime transport, and amending Directive 2009/16/EC (OJ L 123, 19.5.2015, p. 55).
- Council Directive (EU) 2020/262 of 19 December 2019 laying down the general arrangements for excise duty (OJ L 58, 27.2.2020, p. 4).
- Council Directive 2003/96/EC of 27 October 2003 restructuring the Community framework for the taxation of energy products and electricity (OJ L 283, 31.10.2003, p. 51).';
- the title of Chapter II is replaced by the following:

'Aviation and Maritime Transport';

Article 3a is replaced by the following:

'Article 3a

### Scope

Articles 3b to 3g shall apply to the allocation and issue of allowances in respect of the aviation activities listed in Annex I. Articles 3ga to 3gg shall apply in respect of the maritime transport activities listed in Annex I.';

Article 3g is replaced by the following:

'Article 3g

#### Monitoring and reporting plans

The administering Member State shall ensure that each aircraft operator submits to the competent authority in that Member State a monitoring plan setting out measures to monitor and report emissions and that such plans are approved by the competent authority in accordance with the implementing acts referred to in Article 14.';

the following Articles are inserted:

'Article 3ga

## Scope of application to maritime transport activities

- The allocation of allowances and the application of surrender requirements in respect of maritime transport activities shall apply in respect of fifty percent (50 %) of the emissions from ships performing voyages departing from a port of call under the jurisdiction of a Member State and arriving at a port of call outside the jurisdiction of a Member State, fifty percent (50 %) of the emissions from ships performing voyages departing from a port of call outside the jurisdiction of a Member State and arriving at a port of call under the jurisdiction of a Member State, one hundred percent (100 %) of emissions from ships performing voyages departing from a port of call under the jurisdiction of a Member State and arriving at a port of call under the jurisdiction of a Member State, and one hundred percent (100 %) of emissions from ships within a port of call under the jurisdiction of a Member State.
- The Commission shall, by 31 December 2023, by means of implementing acts establish a list of neighbouring container transhipment ports and update that list by 31 December every two years thereafter.

Those implementing acts shall list a port as a neighbouring container transhipment port where the share of transhipment of containers, measured in twenty-foot equivalent units, exceeds 65 % of the total container traffic of that port during the most recent twelve-month period for which relevant data are available and where that port is located outside the Union but less than 300 nautical miles from a port under the jurisdiction of a Member State. For the purposes of this paragraph, containers shall be considered to be transhipped when they are unloaded from a ship

to the port for the sole purpose of being loaded onto another ship. The list established by the Commission pursuant to the first subparagraph shall not include ports located in a third country for which that third country effectively applies measures equivalent to this Directive.

Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 22a(2).

3. Articles 9, 9a and 10 shall apply to maritime transport activities in the same manner as they apply to other activities covered by the EU ETS with the following exception with regard to the application of Article 10.

Until 31 December 2030, a share of allowances shall be attributed to Member States with a ratio of shipping companies that would have been under their responsibility pursuant to Article 3gf compared to their respective population in 2020 and based on data available for the period from 2018 to 2020, above 15 shipping companies per million inhabitants. The quantity of allowances shall correspond to 3,5 % of the additional quantity of allowances due to the increase in the cap for maritime transport referred to in Article 9, third paragraph, in the relevant year. For the years 2024 and 2025, the quantity of allowances shall in addition be multiplied by the percentages applicable to the relevant year pursuant to Article 3gb, first paragraph, points (a) and (b). The revenue generated from the auctioning of that share of allowances should be used for the purposes referred to in Article 10(3), first subparagraph, point (g), with regard to the maritime sector, and points (f) and (i). 50 % of the quantity of allowances shall be distributed among the relevant Member States based on the share of shipping companies under their responsibility and the remainder distributed in equal shares between them.

Article 3gb

## Phase-in of requirements for maritime transport

Shipping companies shall be liable to surrender allowances according to the following schedule:

- (a) 40 % of verified emissions reported for 2024 that would be subject to surrender requirements in accordance with Article 12;
- (b) 70 % of verified emissions reported for 2025 that would be subject to surrender requirements in accordance with Article 12;
- (c) 100 % of verified emissions reported for 2026 and each year thereafter in accordance with Article 12.

Where fewer allowances are surrendered compared to the verified emissions from maritime transport for the years 2024 and 2025, once the difference between verified emissions and allowances surrendered has been established in respect of each year, an amount of allowances corresponding to that difference shall be cancelled rather than auctioned pursuant to Article 10.

Article 3gc

# Provisions for transfer of the costs of the EU ETS from the shipping company to another entity

Member States shall take the necessary measures to ensure that when the ultimate responsibility for the purchase of the fuel, or the operation of the ship, or both, is assumed by an entity other than the shipping company pursuant to a contractual arrangement, the shipping company is entitled to reimbursement from that entity for the costs arising from the surrender of allowances.

'Operation of the ship' for the purposes of this Article means determining the cargo carried or the route and the speed of the ship. The shipping company shall remain the entity responsible for surrendering allowances as required under Articles 3gb and 12 and for overall compliance with the provisions of national law transposing this Directive. Member States shall ensure that shipping companies under their responsibility comply with the obligations to surrender allowances under Articles 3gb and 12, notwithstanding the entitlement of such shipping companies to be reimbursed by the commercial operators for the costs arising from the surrender.

Article 3gd

## Monitoring and reporting of emissions from maritime transport

In respect of emissions from maritime transport activities listed in Annex I to this Directive, the administering authority in respect of a shipping company shall ensure that a shipping company under its responsibility monitors and reports the relevant parameters during a reporting period, and submits to it aggregated emissions data at company level in accordance with Chapter II of Regulation (EU) 2015/757.

Article 3ge

# Verification and accreditation rules for emissions from maritime transport

The administering authority in respect of a shipping company shall ensure that the reporting of aggregated emissions data at shipping company level submitted by a shipping company pursuant to Article 3gd of this Directive is verified in accordance with the verification and accreditation rules set out in Chapter III of Regulation (EU) 2015/757.

Article 3gf

## Administering authority in respect of a shipping company

- 1. The administering authority in respect of a shipping company shall be:
- (a) in the case of a shipping company registered in a Member State, the Member State in which the shipping company is registered;
- (b) in the case of a shipping company that is not registered in a Member State, the Member State with the greatest estimated number of port calls from voyages performed by that shipping company in the preceding four monitoring years and falling within the scope set out in Article 3ga;
- (c) in the case of a shipping company that is not registered in a Member State and that did not carry out any voyage falling within the scope set out in Article 3ga in the preceding four monitoring years, the Member State where a ship of the shipping company has started or ended its first voyage falling within the scope set out in that Article.
- 2. Based on the best available information, the Commission shall establish by means of implementing acts:
- (a) before 1 February 2024, a list of shipping companies which performed a maritime transport activity listed in Annex I that fell within the scope set out in Article 3ga on or with effect from 1 January 2024, specifying the administering authority in respect of a shipping company in accordance with paragraph 1 of this Article;
- (b) before 1 February 2026 and every two years thereafter, an updated list to reattribute shipping companies registered in a Member State to another administering authority in respect of a shipping company if they changed the Member State of registration within the Union in accordance with paragraph 1, point (a), of this Article or to include shipping companies which have subsequently performed a maritime transport activity listed in Annex I that fell within the scope set out in Article 3ga, in accordance with paragraph 1, point (c), of this Article; and
- (c) before 1 February 2028 and every four years thereafter, an updated list to reattribute shipping companies that are not registered in a Member State to another administering authority in respect of a shipping company in accordance with paragraph 1, point (b), of this Article.
- 3. An administering authority in respect of a shipping company that, according to the list established pursuant to paragraph 2, is responsible for a shipping company shall retain that responsibility regardless of subsequent changes in the shipping company's activities or registration until those changes are reflected in an updated list.
- 4. The Commission shall adopt implementing acts to establish detailed rules relating to the administration of shipping companies by administering authorities in respect of a shipping company under this Directive. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 22a(2).

Article 3gg

## Reporting and review

1. In the event of the adoption by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) of a global market-based measure to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from maritime transport, the Commission shall review this Directive in light of that adopted measure.

To that end, the Commission shall submit a report to the European Parliament and to the Council within 18 months of the adoption of such a global market-based measure and before it becomes operational. In that report, the Commission shall examine the global market-based measure as regards:

- (a) its ambition in light of the objectives of the Paris Agreement;
- (b) its overall environmental integrity, including in comparison with the provisions of this Directive covering maritime transport; and
- (c) any issue related to the coherence between the EU ETS and that measure.

Where appropriate, the Commission may accompany the report referred to in the second subparagraph of this paragraph with a legislative proposal to amend this Directive in a manner that is consistent with the Union 2030 climate target and the climate-neutrality objective set out in Regulation (EU) 2021/1119, and with the aim of preserving the environmental integrity and effectiveness of Union climate action, in order to ensure coherence between the implementation of the global market-based measure and the EU ETS, while avoiding any significant double burden.

2. In the event that the IMO does not adopt by 2028 a global market-based measure to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from maritime transport in line with the objectives of the Paris Agreement and at least to a level comparable to that resulting from the Union measures taken under this Directive, the Commission shall submit a report to the European Parliament and to the Council in which it shall examine the need to apply the allocation of allowances and surrender requirements in respect of more than fifty percent (50 %) of the emissions from ships performing voyages between a port of call under the jurisdiction of a Member State and a port of call outside the jurisdiction of a Member State, in light of the objectives of the Paris Agreement. In that report, the Commission shall, in particular, consider progress at IMO level and examine whether any third country has a market-based measure equivalent to this Directive and assess the risk of an increase in evasive practices, including through a shift to other modes of transport or a shift of port hubs to ports outside the Union.

Where appropriate, the report referred to in the first subparagraph shall be accompanied by a legislative proposal to amend this Directive.

- 3. The Commission shall monitor the implementation of this Chapter in relation to maritime transport, in particular to detect evasive behaviour in order to prevent such behaviour at an early stage, including giving consideration to outermost regions, and report biennially from 2024 on the implementation of this Chapter in relation to maritime transport and possible trends regarding shipping companies seeking to evade the requirements of this Directive. The Commission shall also monitor impacts regarding, inter alia, possible transport cost increases, market distortions and changes in port traffic, such as port evasion and shifts of transhipment hubs, the overall competitiveness of the maritime sector in the Member States, and in particular impacts on those shipping services that constitute essential services of territorial continuity. If appropriate, the Commission shall propose measures to ensure the effective implementation of this Chapter in relation to maritime transport, in particular measures to address trends regarding shipping companies seeking to evade the requirements of this Directive.
- 4. No later than 30 September 2028, the Commission shall assess the appropriateness of extending the application of Article 3ga(3), second subparagraph, beyond 31 December 2030 and, if appropriate, submit a legislative proposal to that effect.
- 5. No later than 31 December 2026, the Commission shall present a report to the European Parliament and to the Council in which it shall examine the feasibility and economic, environmental and social impacts of the inclusion in this Directive of emissions from ships, including offshore ships, below 5 000 gross tonnage but not below 400 gross tonnage, building, in particular, on the analysis accompanying the review of Regulation (EU) 2015/757 due by 31 December 2024.

That report shall also consider the interlinkages between this Directive and Regulation (EU) 2015/757 and draw on the experience gained from the application thereof. In that report, the Commission shall also examine how this Directive can best account for the uptake of renewable and low-carbon maritime fuels on a lifecycle basis. If appropriate, the report may be accompanied by legislative proposals.';

(8) Article 3h is replaced by the following:

'Article 3h

### Scope

The provisions of this Chapter shall apply to greenhouse gas emissions permits and the allocation and issue of allowances in respect of activities listed in Annex I other than aviation activities and maritime transport activities.';

- (9) in Article 6(2), point (e) is replaced by the following:
  - '(e) an obligation to surrender allowances equal to the total emissions of the installation in each calendar year, as verified in accordance with Article 15, by the deadline laid down in Article 12(3).';
- (10) Article 8 is replaced by the following:

'Article 8

# Coordination with Directive 2010/75/EU

Member States shall take the necessary measures to ensure that, where installations carry out activities that are included in Annex I to Directive 2010/75/EU, the conditions and procedure for the issue of a greenhouse gas emissions permit are coordinated with those for the issue of a permit provided for in that Directive. The requirements laid down in Articles 5, 6 and 7 of this Directive may be integrated into the procedures provided for in Directive 2010/75/EU.

The Commission shall review the effectiveness of synergies with Directive 2010/75/EU. Environmental and climate-relevant permits shall be coordinated to ensure efficient and speedier execution of measures needed to comply with Union climate and energy objectives. The Commission may submit a report to the European Parliament and to the Council in the context of any future review of this Directive.';

(11) in Article 9, the following paragraphs are added:

In 2024, the Union-wide quantity of allowances shall be decreased by 90 million allowances. In 2026, the Union-wide quantity of allowances shall be decreased by 27 million allowances. In 2024, the Union-wide quantity of allowances shall be increased by 78,4 million allowances for maritime transport. The linear factor shall be 4,3 % from 2024 to 2027 and 4,4 % from 2028. The linear factor shall also apply to the allowances corresponding to the average emissions from maritime transport reported in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2015/757 for 2018 and 2019 that are addressed in Article 3ga of this Directive. The Commission shall publish the Union-wide quantity of allowances by 6 September 2023.

From 1 January 2026 and 1 January 2027 respectively, the quantity of allowances shall be increased to take into account the coverage of greenhouse gas emissions other than  $CO_2$  emissions from maritime transport activities and the coverage of emissions of offshore ships, based on their emissions for the most recent year for which data are available. Notwithstanding Article 10(1), the allowances resulting from that increase shall be made available to support innovation in accordance with Article 10a(8).';

- (12) Article 10 is amended as follows:
  - (a) in paragraph 1, the third subparagraph is replaced by the following:

'2 % of the total quantity of allowances between 2021 and 2030 shall be auctioned to establish a fund to improve energy efficiency and modernise the energy systems of certain Member States (the 'beneficiary Member States') as set out in Article 10d (the 'Modernisation Fund'). The beneficiary Member States for that amount of allowances shall be the Member States with a GDP per capita at market prices below 60 % of the Union average in 2013. The funds corresponding to that amount of allowances shall be distributed in accordance with Part A of Annex IIb.

In addition, 2,5 % of the total quantity of allowances between 2024 and 2030 shall be auctioned for the Modernisation Fund. The beneficiary Member States for that amount of allowances shall be the Member States with a GDP per capita at market prices below 75 % of the Union average during the period from 2016 to 2018. The funds corresponding to that amount of allowances shall be distributed in accordance with Part B of Annex IIb.';

- (b) in paragraph 3, first subparagraph, the introductory part is replaced by the following:
  - '3. Member States shall determine the use of revenues generated from the auctioning of allowances referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article, except for the revenues established as own resources in accordance with Article 311, third paragraph, TFEU and entered in the Union budget. Member States shall use those revenues, with the exception of the revenues used for the compensation of indirect carbon costs referred to in Article 10a(6) of this Directive, or the equivalent in financial value of those revenues, for one or more of the following:';
- (c) in paragraph 3, first subparagraph, points (b) to (f) are replaced by the following:
  - '(b) to develop renewable energies and grids for electricity transmission to meet the commitment of the Union to renewable energies and the Union targets on interconnectivity, as well as to develop other technologies that contribute to the transition to a safe and sustainable low-carbon economy, and to help to meet the commitment of the Union to increase energy efficiency, at the levels agreed in relevant legislative acts, including the production of electricity from renewables self-consumers and renewable energy communities;
  - (c) measures to avoid deforestation and support the protection and restoration of peatland, forests and other land-based ecosystems or marine-based ecosystems, including measures that contribute to the protection, restoration and better management thereof, in particular as regards marine-protected areas, and increase biodiversity-friendly afforestation and reforestation, including in developing countries that have ratified the Paris Agreement, and measures to transfer technologies and to facilitate adaptation to the adverse effects of climate change in those countries;
  - (d) forestry and soil sequestration in the Union;
  - (e) the environmentally safe capture and geological storage of CO<sub>2</sub>, in particular from solid fossil fuel power stations and a range of industrial sectors and subsectors, including in third countries, and innovative technological carbon removal methods, such as direct air capture and storage;
  - (f) to invest in and accelerate the shift to forms of transport which contribute significantly to the decarbonisation of the sector, including the development of climate-friendly passenger and freight rail transport and bus services and technologies, measures to decarbonise the maritime sector, including the improvement of the energy efficiency of ships, ports, innovative technologies and infrastructure, and sustainable alternative fuels, such as hydrogen and ammonia that are produced from renewables, and zero-emission propulsion technologies, and to finance measures to support the decarbonisation of airports in accordance with a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure, and repealing Directive 2014/94/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, and a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on ensuring a level playing field for sustainable air transport;';
- (d) in paragraph 3, first subparagraph, point (h) is replaced by the following:
  - '(h) measures intended to improve energy efficiency, district heating systems and insulation, to support efficient and renewable heating and cooling systems, or to support the deep and staged deep renovation of buildings in accordance with Directive 2010/31/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council (\*), starting with the renovation of the worst-performing buildings;

<sup>(\*)</sup> Directive 2010/31/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 May 2010 on the energy performance of buildings (OJ L 153, 18.6.2010, p. 13).';

- (e) in paragraph 3, first subparagraph, the following points are inserted:
  - '(ha) to provide financial support to address social aspects in lower- and middle-income households, including by reducing distortive taxes, and targeted reductions of duties and charges for renewable electricity;
  - (hb) to finance national climate dividend schemes with a proven positive environmental impact as documented in the annual report referred to in Article 19(2) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1999 of the European Parliament and of the Council (\*).
  - (\*) Regulation (EU) 2018/1999 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 on the Governance of the Energy Union and Climate Action, amending Regulations (EC) No 663/2009 and (EC) No 715/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Directives 94/22/EC, 98/70/EC, 2009/31/EC, 2009/73/EC, 2010/31/EU, 2012/27/EU and 2013/30/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, Council Directives 2009/119/EC and (EU) 2015/652 and repealing Regulation (EU) No 525/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 328, 21.12.2018, p. 1).';
- (f) in paragraph 3, first subparagraph, point (k) is replaced by the following:
  - '(k) to promote skill formation and reallocation of labour in order to contribute to a just transition to a climateneutral economy, in particular in regions most affected by the transition of jobs, in close coordination with the social partners, and to invest in upskilling and reskilling of workers potentially affected by the transition, including workers in maritime transport;
  - (l) to address any residual risk of carbon leakage in the sectors covered by Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2023/956 of the European Parliament and of the Council (\*), supporting the transition and promoting their decarbonisation in accordance with State aid rules.
  - (\*) Regulation (EU) 2023/956 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 May 2023 establishing a carbon border adjustment mechanism (OJ L 130, 16.5.2023, p. 52).';
- (g) in paragraph 3, the following subparagraph is inserted after the first subparagraph:

'When determining the use of revenues generated from the auctioning of the allowances, Member States shall take into account the need to continue scaling up international climate finance in vulnerable third countries referred to in the first subparagraph, point (j).';

(h) in paragraph 3, the second subparagraph is replaced by the following:

'Member States shall be deemed to have fulfilled the provisions of this paragraph if they have in place and implement fiscal or financial support policies, including in particular in developing countries, or domestic regulatory policies, which leverage financial support, established for the purposes set out in the first subparagraph and which have a value equivalent to the revenues referred to in the first subparagraph.';

(i) in paragraph 3, the third subparagraph is replaced by the following:

Member States shall inform the Commission as to the use of revenues and the actions taken pursuant to this paragraph in their reports submitted under Article 19(2) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1999, specifying, where relevant and as appropriate, which revenues are used and the actions that are taken to implement their integrated national energy and climate plans submitted in accordance with that Regulation, and their territorial just transition plans prepared in accordance with Article 11 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1056 of the European Parliament and of the Council (\*).

The reporting shall be sufficiently detailed to enable the Commission to assess the Member States' compliance with the first subparagraph.

<sup>(\*)</sup> Regulation (EU) 2021/1056 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 establishing the Just Transition Fund (OJ L 231, 30.6.2021, p. 1).';

(j) in paragraph 4, the first subparagraph is replaced by the following:

'The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 23 of this Directive to supplement this Directive concerning the timing, administration and other aspects of auctioning, including modalities for auctioning which are necessary for the transfer of a share of revenues to the Union budget as external assigned revenue in accordance with Article 30d(4) of this Directive or as own resources in accordance with Article 311, third paragraph, TFEU, in order to ensure that it is conducted in an open, transparent, harmonised and non-discriminatory manner. To that end, the process shall be predictable, in particular as regards the timing and sequencing of auctions and the estimated amount of allowances to be made available.';

- (k) paragraph 5 is replaced by the following:
  - '5. The Commission shall monitor the functioning of the European carbon market. Each year, it shall submit a report to the European Parliament and to the Council on the functioning of the carbon market and on other relevant climate and energy policies, including the operation of the auctions, liquidity and the volumes traded, and summarising the information provided by the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) in accordance with paragraph 6 of this Article and the information provided by Member States on the financial measures referred to in Article 10a(6). If necessary, Member States shall ensure that any relevant information is submitted to the Commission at least two months before the Commission adopts the report.';
- (l) the following paragraph is added:
  - '6. ESMA shall regularly monitor the integrity and transparency of the European carbon market, in particular with regard to market volatility and price evolution, the operation of the auctions, trading operations on the market for emission allowances and derivatives thereof, including over-the-counter trading, liquidity and the volumes traded, and the categories and trading behaviour of market participants, including positions of financial intermediaries. ESMA shall include the relevant findings and, where necessary, make recommendations in its assessments to the European Parliament, to the Council, to the Commission and to the European Systemic Risk Board in accordance with Article 32(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1095/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council (\*). For the purposes of the tasks referred to in the first sentence of this paragraph, ESMA and the relevant competent authorities shall cooperate and exchange detailed information on all types of transactions in accordance with Article 25 of Regulation (EU) No 596/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council (\*\*).
  - (\*) Regulation (EU) No 1095/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010 establishing a European Supervisory Authority (European Securities and Markets Authority), amending Decision No 716/2009/EC and repealing Commission Decision 2009/77/EC (OJ L 331, 15.12.2010, p. 84).
  - (\*\*) Regulation (EU) No 596/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 on market abuse (market abuse regulation) and repealing Directive 2003/6/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Commission Directives 2003/124/EC, 2003/125/EC and 2004/72/EC (OJ L 173, 12.6.2014, p. 1).';
- (13) Article 10a is amended as follows:
  - (a) paragraph 1 is amended as follows:
    - (i) the following subparagraphs are inserted after the second subparagraph:

If an installation is covered by the obligation to conduct an energy audit or to implement a certified energy management system under Article 8 of Directive 2012/27/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council (\*) and if the recommendations of the audit report or of the certified energy management system are not implemented, unless the pay-back time for the relevant investments exceeds three years or unless the costs of those investments are disproportionate, then the amount of free allocation shall be reduced by 20 %. The amount of free allocation shall not be reduced if an operator demonstrates that it has implemented other measures which lead to greenhouse gas emission reductions equivalent to those recommended by the audit report or by the certified energy management system for the installation concerned.

The Commission shall supplement this Directive by providing, in the delegated acts adopted pursuant to this paragraph and without prejudice to the rules applicable under Directive 2012/27/EU, for administratively simple harmonised rules for the application of the third subparagraph of this paragraph that ensure that the application of the conditionality does not jeopardise a level playing field, environmental integrity or equal treatment between installations across the Union. Those harmonised rules shall in particular provide for timelines, for criteria for the recognition of implemented energy efficiency measures as well as for alternative measures reducing greenhouse gas emissions, using the procedure for national implementing measures in accordance with Article 11(1) of this Directive.

In addition to the requirements set out in the third subparagraph of this paragraph, the reduction by 20 % referred to in that subparagraph shall be applied where, by 1 May 2024, operators of installations whose greenhouse gas emission levels are higher than the 80th percentile of emission levels for the relevant product benchmarks have not established a climate-neutrality plan for each of those installations for its activities covered by this Directive. That plan shall contain the elements specified in Article 10b(4) and be established in accordance with the implementing acts provided for in that Article. Article 10b(4) shall be read as only referring to the installation level. The achievement of the targets and milestones referred to in Article 10b(4), third subparagraph, point (b), shall be verified in respect of the period until 31 December 2025 and in respect of each period ending 31 December of each fifth year thereafter, in accordance with the verification and accreditation procedures provided for in Article 15. No free allowances beyond 80 % shall be allocated if achievement of the intermediate targets and milestones has not been verified in respect of the period until the end of 2025 or in respect of the period from 2026 to 2030.

Allowances that are not allocated due to a reduction of free allocation in accordance with the third and fifth subparagraphs of this paragraph shall be used to exempt installations from the adjustment in accordance with paragraph 5 of this Article. Where any such allowances remain, 50 % of those allowances shall be made available to support innovation in accordance with paragraph 8 of this Article. The other 50 % of those allowances shall be auctioned in accordance with Article 10(1) of this Directive and Member States should use the respective revenues to address any residual risk of carbon leakage in the sectors covered by Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2023/956, supporting the transition and promoting their decarbonisation in accordance with State aid rules.

No free allocation shall be given to installations in sectors or subsectors to the extent they are covered by other measures to address the risk of carbon leakage as established by Regulation (EU) 2023/956. The measures referred to in the first subparagraph of this paragraph shall be adjusted accordingly.

- (\*) Directive 2012/27/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on energy efficiency, amending Directives 2009/125/EC and 2010/30/EU and repealing Directives 2004/8/EC and 2006/32/EC (OJ L 315, 14.11.2012, p. 1).';
- (ii) the third subparagraph is replaced by the following:

For each sector and subsector, in principle, the benchmark shall be calculated for products rather than for inputs, in order to maximise greenhouse gas emission reductions and energy efficiency savings throughout each production process of the sector or the subsector concerned. In order to provide further incentives for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving energy efficiency and to ensure a level playing field for installations using new technologies that partly reduce or fully eliminate greenhouse gas emissions, and installations using existing technologies, the determined Union-wide ex-ante benchmarks shall be reviewed in relation to their application in the period from 2026 to 2030, with a view to potentially modifying the definitions and system boundaries of existing product benchmarks, considering as guiding principles the circular use-potential of materials and that the benchmarks should be independent of the feedstock and the type of production process, where the production processes have the same purpose. The Commission shall endeavour to adopt the implementing acts for the purpose of determining the revised benchmark values for free allocation in accordance with paragraph 2, third subparagraph, as soon as possible and before the start of the period from 2026 to 2030.';

- (b) the following paragraph is inserted:
  - '1a. Subject to the application of Regulation (EU) 2023/956, no free allocation shall be given in relation to the production of goods listed in Annex I to that Regulation.

By way of derogation from the first subparagraph of this paragraph, for the first years of application of Regulation (EU) 2023/956, the production of goods listed in Annex I to that Regulation shall benefit from free allocation in reduced amounts. A factor reducing the free allocation for the production of those goods shall be applied (CBAM factor). The CBAM factor shall be equal to 100 % for the period between the entry into force of that Regulation and the end of 2025 and, subject to the application of provisions referred to in Article 36(2), point (b), of that Regulation, shall be equal to 97,5 % in 2026, 95 % in 2027, 90 % in 2028, 77,5 % in 2029, 51,5 % in 2030, 39 % in 2031, 26,5 % in 2032 and 14 % in 2033. From 2034, no CBAM factor shall apply.

The reduction of free allocation shall be calculated annually as the average share of the demand for free allocation for the production of goods listed in Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2023/956 compared to the calculated total free allocation demand for all installations, for the relevant period referred to in Article 11(1) of this Directive. The CBAM factor shall be applied in this calculation.

Allowances resulting from the reduction of free allocation shall be made available to support innovation in accordance with paragraph 8.

By 31 December 2024 and as part of its annual report to the European Parliament and to the Council pursuant to Article 10(5) of this Directive, the Commission shall assess the carbon leakage risk for goods subject to CBAM and produced in the Union for export to third countries which do not apply the EU ETS or a similar carbon pricing mechanism. The report shall in particular assess the carbon leakage risk in sectors to which CBAM will apply, in particular the role and accelerated uptake of hydrogen, and the developments as regards trade flows and the embedded emissions of goods produced by those sectors on the global market. Where the report concludes that there is a carbon leakage risk for goods produced in the Union for export to third countries which do not apply the EU ETS or an equivalent carbon pricing mechanism, the Commission shall, where appropriate, submit a legislative proposal to address that carbon leakage risk in a manner that is compliant with the rules of the World Trade Organization, including Article XX of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994, and takes into account the decarbonisation of installations in the Union.';

- (c) paragraph 2 is amended as follows:
  - (i) in the third subparagraph, point (c) is replaced by the following:
    - '(c) For the period from 2026 to 2030, the benchmark values shall be determined in the same manner as set out in points (a) and (d) of this subparagraph, taking into account point (e) of this subparagraph, on the basis of information submitted pursuant to Article 11 for the years 2021 and 2022 and on the basis of applying the annual reduction rate in respect of each year between 2008 and 2028.';
  - (ii) in the third subparagraph, the following points are added:
    - '(d) Where the annual reduction rate exceeds 2,5 % or is below 0,3 %, the benchmark values for the period from 2026 to 2030 shall be the benchmark values applicable in the period from 2013 to 2020 reduced by whichever of those two percentage rates is relevant, in respect of each year between 2008 and 2028.
    - (e) For the period from 2026 to 2030, the annual reduction rate for the product benchmark for hot metal shall not be affected by the change of benchmark definitions and system boundaries applicable pursuant to paragraph 1, eighth subparagraph.';
  - (iii) the fourth subparagraph is replaced by the following:

'By way of derogation regarding the benchmark values for aromatics and syngas, those benchmark values shall be adjusted by the same percentage as the refineries benchmarks in order to preserve a level playing field for producers of those products.';

(d) paragraphs 3 and 4 are deleted;

- (e) paragraph 5 is replaced by the following:
  - '5. In order to respect the auctioning share set out in Article 10, for every year in which the sum of free allocations does not reach the maximum amount that respects the auctioning share, the remaining allowances up to that amount shall be used to prevent or limit reduction of free allocations to respect the auctioning share in later years. Where, nonetheless, the maximum amount is reached, free allocations shall be adjusted accordingly. Any such adjustment shall be done in a uniform manner. However, installations whose greenhouse gas emission levels are below the average of the 10 % most efficient installations in a sector or subsector in the Union for the relevant benchmarks in a year when the adjustment applies shall be exempted from that adjustment.';
- (f) in paragraph 6, the first subparagraph is replaced by the following:

'Member States should adopt financial measures in accordance with the second and fourth subparagraphs of this paragraph in favour of sectors or subsectors which are exposed to a genuine risk of carbon leakage due to significant indirect costs that are actually incurred from greenhouse gas emission costs passed on in electricity prices, provided that such financial measures are in accordance with State aid rules, and in particular do not cause undue distortions of competition in the internal market. The financial measures adopted should not compensate indirect costs covered by free allocation in accordance with the benchmarks established pursuant to paragraph 1 of this Article. Where a Member State spends an amount higher than the equivalent of 25 % of the auction revenues referred to in Article 10(3) for the year in which the indirect costs were incurred, it shall set out the reasons for exceeding that amount.';

(g) in paragraph 7, the second subparagraph is replaced by the following:

From 2021, allowances that, pursuant to paragraphs 19, 20 and 22, are not allocated to installations shall be added to the amount of allowances set aside in accordance with the first subparagraph, first sentence, of this paragraph.';

- (h) paragraph 8 is replaced by the following:
  - '8. 345 million allowances from the quantity which could otherwise be allocated for free pursuant to this Article, and 80 million allowances from the quantity which could otherwise be auctioned pursuant to Article 10, as well as the allowances resulting from the reduction of free allocation referred to in paragraph 1a of this Article, shall be made available to a fund (the 'Innovation Fund') with the objective of supporting innovation in low- and zero-carbon techniques, processes and technologies that contribute significantly to the decarbonisation of the sectors covered by this Directive and contribute to zero pollution and circularity objectives, including projects aimed at scaling up such techniques, processes and technologies with a view to their broad roll-out across the Union. Such projects shall possess significant greenhouse gas emissions abatement potential and contribute to energy and resource savings in line with the Union's climate and energy targets for 2030.

The Commission shall frontload Innovation Fund allowances to ensure that an adequate amount of resources is available to foster innovation, including for scaling up.

Allowances that are not issued to aircraft operators due to them ceasing operations and which are not necessary to cover any shortfall in surrenders by those operators shall also be used for innovation support as referred to in the first subparagraph.

Moreover, 5 million allowances from the quantity referred to in Article 3c(5) and (7) relating to aviation allocations for 2026 shall be made available for innovation support as referred to in the first subparagraph of this paragraph.

In addition, 50 million unallocated allowances from the market stability reserve shall supplement any remaining revenues from the 300 million allowances available in the period from 2013 to 2020 under Commission Decision 2010/670/EU (\*), and shall be used in a timely manner for innovation support as referred to in the first subparagraph of this paragraph.

The Innovation Fund shall cover the sectors listed in Annexes I and III, as well as products and processes substituting carbon intensive ones produced or used in sectors listed in Annex I, including innovative renewable energy and energy storage technologies and environmentally safe carbon capture and utilisation (CCU) that contributes substantially to mitigating climate change, in particular for unavoidable process emissions, and shall help stimulate the construction and operation of projects aimed at the environmentally safe capture, transport and geological storage (CCS) of CO<sub>2</sub>, in particular for unavoidable industrial process emissions, and the direct

capture of CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere with safe, sustainable and permanent storage (DACS), in geographically balanced locations. The Innovation Fund may also support breakthrough innovative technologies and infrastructure, including production of low- and zero-carbon fuels, to decarbonise the maritime, aviation, rail and road transport sectors, including collective forms of transport such as public transport and coach services.

For aviation, it may also support electrification and actions to reduce the overall climate impacts of aviation.

The Commission shall give special attention to projects in sectors covered by Regulation (EU) 2023/956 to support innovation in low-carbon technologies, CCU, CCS, renewable energy and energy storage, in a way that contributes to mitigating climate change with the aim of awarding, over the period from 2021 to 2030, projects in those sectors a significant share of the equivalence in financial value of the allowances referred to in paragraph 1a, fourth subparagraph, of this Article. In addition, the Commission may launch, before 2027, calls for proposals dedicated to the sectors covered by that Regulation.

The Commission shall also give special attention to projects contributing to the decarbonisation of the maritime sector and shall include topics dedicated to that purpose in the Innovation Fund calls for proposals, where appropriate, including to electrify maritime transport, and to address its full climate impact, including black carbon emissions. Such calls for proposals shall also, in the criteria used for the selection of projects, take particular account of the potential for increasing biodiversity protection and for reducing noise and water pollution from projects and investments.

The Innovation Fund may in accordance with paragraph 8a support projects through competitive bidding, such as CDs, CCDs or fixed premium contracts to support decarbonisation technologies for which the carbon price might not be a sufficient incentive.

The Commission shall seek synergies between the Innovation Fund and Horizon Europe, in particular in relation to European partnerships, and shall, where relevant, seek synergies between the Innovation Fund and other Union programmes.

Projects in the territory of all Member States, including small-scale and medium-scale projects, shall be eligible, and, for maritime activities, projects with clear added value for the Union shall be eligible. Technologies receiving support shall be innovative and not yet commercially viable at a similar scale without support, but shall represent breakthrough solutions or be sufficiently mature for application on a pre-commercial scale.

The Commission shall ensure that the allowances destined for the Innovation Fund are auctioned in accordance with the principles and modalities referred to in Article 10(4) of this Directive. Proceeds from the auctioning shall constitute external assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council (\*\*). Budgetary commitments for actions extending over more than one financial year may be broken down into annual instalments over several years.

The Commission shall, on request, provide technical assistance to Member States with low effective participation in projects under the Innovation Fund for the purpose of increasing the capacities of the requesting Member State to support the efforts of project proponents in their respective territories to submit applications for funding from the Innovation Fund, in order to improve the effective geographical participation in the Innovation Fund and increase the overall quality of submitted projects. The Commission shall pursue effective, quality-based geographical coverage in relation to funding from the Innovation Fund across the Union and shall ensure comprehensive monitoring of progress and appropriate follow-up in that respect.

Subject to the agreement of applicants, following the closure of a call for proposals, the Commission shall inform Member States of the applications for funding of projects in their respective territories and shall provide them with detailed information concerning those applications in order to facilitate Member States' coordination of the support for projects. In addition, the Commission shall inform Member States about the list of pre-selected projects prior to the award of the support.

Projects shall be selected by means of a transparent selection procedure, in a technology-neutral manner in accordance with the objectives of the Innovation Fund as set out in the first subparagraph of this paragraph and on the basis of objective and transparent criteria, taking into account the extent to which projects provide a

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significant contribution to the Union's climate and energy targets while contributing to the zero pollution and circularity objectives in accordance with the first subparagraph of this paragraph, and, where relevant, the extent to which projects contribute to achieving emission reductions well below the benchmarks referred to in paragraph 2. Projects shall have the potential for widespread application or to significantly lower the costs of transitioning towards a climate-neutral economy in the sectors concerned. Priority shall be given to innovative technologies and processes addressing multiple environmental impacts. Projects involving CCU shall deliver a net reduction in emissions and ensure avoidance or permanent storage of CO2. In the case of grants provided through calls for proposals, up to 60 % of the relevant costs of projects may be supported, out of which up to 40 % need not be dependent on verified avoidance of greenhouse gas emissions, provided that pre-determined milestones, taking into account the technology deployed, are attained. In the case of support provided through competitive bidding and in the case of technical assistance support, up to 100 % of the relevant costs of projects may be supported. The potential for emission reductions in multiple sectors offered by combined projects, including in nearby areas, shall be taken into account in the criteria used for the selection of projects.

Projects funded by the Innovation Fund shall be required to share knowledge with other relevant projects as well as with Union-based researchers having a legitimate interest. The terms of knowledge sharing shall be defined by the Commission in calls for proposals.

The calls for proposals shall be open and transparent. In preparing the calls for proposals, the Commission shall strive to ensure that all sectors are duly covered. The Commission shall take measures to ensure that the calls are communicated as widely as possible, and especially to small and medium-sized enterprises.

The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 23 to supplement this Directive concerning rules on the operation of the Innovation Fund, including the selection procedure and criteria, and the eligible sectors and technological requirements for the different types of support.

No project shall receive support via the mechanism under this paragraph that exceeds 15 % of the total number of allowances available for this purpose. Those allowances shall be taken into account under paragraph 7.

By 31 December 2023 and every year thereafter, the Commission shall report to the Climate Change Committee referred to in Article 22a(1) of this Directive, on the implementation of the Innovation Fund, providing an analysis of projects awarded funding, by sector and by Member State, and the expected contribution of those projects towards the objective of climate neutrality in the Union as set out in Regulation (EU) 2021/1119. The Commission shall provide the report to the European Parliament and to the Council and shall make that report public.

- Commission Decision 2010/670/EU of 3 November 2010 laying down criteria and measures for the financing of commercial demonstration projects that aim at the environmentally safe capture and geological storage of CO2 as well as demonstration projects of innovative renewable energy technologies under the scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the Community established by Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 290, 6.11.2010, p. 39).
- (\*\*) Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1).';
- (i) the following paragraphs are inserted:
  - For CDs and CCDs awarded upon conclusion of a competitive bidding mechanism, appropriate coverage through budgetary commitments resulting from the proceeds of auctioning of allowances available in the Innovation Fund shall be provided and those budgetary commitments may be broken down into annual instalments over several years. For the first two rounds of the competitive bidding mechanism, coverage of the financial liability related to CDs and CCDs shall be fully ensured with appropriations resulting from the proceeds of auctioning of allowances allocated to the Innovation Fund pursuant to paragraph 8.

On the basis of a qualitative and quantitative assessment by the Commission of the financial risks arising from the implementation of CDs and CCDs, to be made after the conclusion of the first two rounds of the competitive bidding mechanism and each time it is necessary thereafter in accordance with the principle of prudence, whereby assets and profits are not to be overestimated and liabilities and losses are not to be underestimated, the Commission may, in accordance with the empowerment in the eighth subparagraph, decide to cover only part of the financial liability related to CDs and CCDs through the means referred to in the first subparagraph and the remaining part through other means. The Commission shall aim to limit the use of other means of coverage.

Where the assessment leads to the conclusion that other means of coverage are necessary to realise the full potential of the CDs and CCDs, the Commission shall aim for a balanced mix of other means of coverage. By way of derogation from Article 210(1) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, the Commission shall determine the extent of the use of other means of coverage pursuant to the delegated act provided for in the eighth subparagraph of this paragraph.

The remaining financial liability shall be sufficiently covered, having regard to the principles of Title X of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, if necessary, adapted to the specificities of CDs and CCDs, by way of derogation from Article 209(2), points (d) and (h), Article 210(1), Article 211(1), (2), (4) and (6), Articles 212, 213 and 214, Article 218(1) and Article 219(3) and (6) of that Regulation. Where applicable, other means of coverage, the provisioning rate and the necessary derogations shall be established in a delegated act provided for in the eighth subparagraph of this paragraph.

The Commission shall not use more than 30 % of the proceeds of the auctioning of allowances allocated to the Innovation Fund pursuant to paragraph 8 for provisioning for CDs and CCDs.

The provisioning rate shall be no lower than 50 % of the total financial liability borne by the Union budget for CDs and CCDs. When establishing the provisioning rate, the Commission shall take into account elements that may reduce the financial risks for the Union budget, beyond the appropriations available in the Innovation Fund, such as possible sharing of liability with Member States on a voluntary basis, or a possible re-insurance mechanism from the private sector. The Commission shall review the provisioning rate at least every three years from the date of application of the delegated act establishing it for the first time.

In order to avoid speculative applications, access to competitive bidding may be made conditional on the payment by applicants of a deposit to be forfeited in the event of non-fulfilment of the contract. Such forfeited deposits shall be used for the Innovation Fund as external assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046. Any contribution paid to the granting authority by a beneficiary in accordance with the terms of the CD or CCD where the reference price is higher than the strike price ('reflows') shall be used for the Innovation Fund as external assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(5) of that Regulation.

The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 23 of this Directive to supplement this Directive in order to provide for and detail other means of coverage, if any, and, where applicable, the provisioning rate and the necessary additional derogations from Title X of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 as set out in the fourth subparagraph of this paragraph, and the rules on the operation of the competitive bidding mechanism, in particular in relation to deposits and reflows.

The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 23 to amend the fifth subparagraph of this paragraph by raising the limit of 30 % referred to in that subparagraph by no more than a total of 20 percentage points where necessary to respond to a demand for CDs and CCDs, taking into account the experience of the first rounds of the competitive bidding mechanism and considering the need to find an appropriate balance in the support from the Innovation Fund between grants and such contracts.

Financial support from the Innovation Fund shall be proportionate to the policy objectives set out in this Article and shall not lead to undue distortions of the internal market. To this end, support shall only be granted to cover additional costs or investment risks that cannot be borne by investors under normal market conditions.

8b. 40 million allowances from the quantity which could otherwise be allocated for free pursuant to this Article, and 10 million allowances from the quantity which could otherwise be auctioned pursuant to Article 10 of this Directive shall be made available for the Social Climate Fund established by Regulation (EU) 2023/955 of the European Parliament and of the Council (\*). The Commission shall ensure that the allowances destined for the Social Climate Fund are auctioned in 2025 in accordance with the principles and modalities referred to in Article 10(4) of this Directive and the delegated act adopted in accordance with that Article. The revenues from that auctioning shall constitute external assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, and shall be used in accordance with the rules applicable to the Social Climate Fund.

- (\*) Regulation (EU) 2023/955 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 May 2023 establishing a Social Climate Fund and amending Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 (OJ L 130, 16.5.2023, p. 1).;
- (j) paragraph 19 is replaced by the following:
  - '19. No free allocation shall be given to an installation that has ceased operating. Installations for which the greenhouse gas emissions permit has expired or has been withdrawn and installations for which the operation or resumption of operation is technically impossible shall be considered to have ceased operations.';
- (k) the following paragraph is added:
  - '22. Where corrections to free allocations granted pursuant to Article 11(2) are necessary, such corrections shall be carried out with allowances from, or by adding allowances to, the amount of allowances set aside in accordance with paragraph 7 of this Article.';
- (14) in Article 10b(4), the following subparagraphs are added:

In a Member State where, on average in the years from 2014 to 2018, its share of emissions from district heating of the Union total of such emissions, divided by that Member State's share of GDP of the Union's total GDP, is greater than five, an additional free allocation of 30 % of the quantity determined pursuant to Article 10a shall be given to district heating for the period from 2026 to 2030, provided that an investment volume equivalent to the value of that additional free allocation is invested to significantly reduce emissions before 2030 in accordance with climateneutrality plans referred to in the third subparagraph of this paragraph and that the achievement of the targets and milestones referred to in point (b) of that subparagraph is confirmed by the verification carried out in accordance with the fourth subparagraph of this paragraph.

By 1 May 2024, operators of district heating shall establish a climate-neutrality plan for the installations for which they apply for additional free allocation in accordance with the second subparagraph of this paragraph. That plan shall be consistent with the climate-neutrality objective set out in Article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1119 and shall set out:

- (a) measures and investments to reach climate neutrality by 2050 at installation or company level, excluding the use of carbon offset credits;
- (b) intermediate targets and milestones to measure, by 31 December 2025 and by 31 December of each fifth year thereafter, progress made towards reaching climate neutrality as set out in point (a) of this subparagraph;
- (c) an estimate of the impact of each of the measures and investments referred to in point (a) of this subparagraph as regards the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

The achievement of the targets and milestones referred to in the third subparagraph, point (b), of this paragraph, shall be verified in respect of the period until 31 December 2025 and in respect of each period ending 31 December of each fifth year thereafter, in accordance with the verification and accreditation procedures provided for in Article 15. No free allowances beyond the amount referred to in the first subparagraph of this paragraph shall be allocated if the achievement of the intermediate targets and milestones has not been verified in respect of the period until the end of 2025 or in respect of the period from 2026 to 2030.

The Commission shall adopt implementing acts to specify the minimal content of the information referred to in the third subparagraph, points (a), (b) and (c), of this paragraph, and the format of the climate-neutrality plans referred to in that subparagraph and in Article 10a(1), fifth subparagraph. The Commission shall seek synergies with similar plans as provided for in Union law. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 22a(2).';

- (15) in Article 10c, paragraph 7 is replaced by the following:
  - '7. Member States shall require benefiting electricity generating installations and network operators to report, by 28 February of each year, on the implementation of their selected investments, including the balance of free allocation and investment expenditure incurred and the types of investments supported. Member States shall report on this to the Commission, and the Commission shall make such reports public.';
- (16) the following article is inserted:

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### Earlier deadline for transitional free allocation for the modernisation of the energy sector

By way of derogation from Article 10c, the Member States concerned may only give transitional free allocation to installations in accordance with that Article for investments carried out until 31 December 2024. Any allowances available to the Member States concerned in accordance with Article 10c for the period from 2021 to 2030 that are not used for such investments shall, in the proportion determined by the respective Member State:

- (a) be added to the total quantity of allowances that the Member State concerned is to auction pursuant to Article 10(2); or
- (b) be used to support investments within the framework of the Modernisation Fund referred to in Article 10d, in accordance with the rules applicable to the revenue from allowances referred to in Article 10d(4).

By 15 May 2024, the Member State concerned shall notify the Commission of the respective amounts of allowances to be used under Article 10(2), first subparagraph, point (a), and, by way of derogation from Article 10d(4), second sentence, under Article 10d.';

- (17) Article 10d is amended as follows:
  - (a) paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:
    - '1. A fund to support investments proposed by the beneficiary Member States, including the financing of small-scale investment projects, to modernise energy systems and improve energy efficiency shall be established for the period from 2021 to 2030 (the "Modernisation Fund"). The Modernisation Fund shall be financed through the auctioning of allowances as set out in Article 10, for the beneficiary Member States set out therein.

The investments supported shall be consistent with the aims of this Directive, as well as the objectives of the communication of the Commission of 11 December 2019 on "The European Green Deal" and Regulation (EU) 2021/1119 and the long-term objectives as expressed in the Paris Agreement. The beneficiary Member States may, where appropriate, use the resources of the Modernisation Fund to finance investments involving the adjacent Union border regions. No support from the Modernisation Fund shall be provided to energy generation facilities that use fossil fuels. However, revenue from allowances covered by a notification pursuant to paragraph 4 of this Article may be used for investments involving gaseous fossil fuels.

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Furthermore, revenue from allowances referred to in Article 10(1), third subparagraph, of this Directive may, where the activity qualifies as environmentally sustainable under Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of the European Parliament and of the Council (\*) and is duly justified for reasons of ensuring energy security, be used for investments involving gaseous fossil fuels provided that, for energy generation, the allowances are auctioned before 31 December 2027 and, for investments involving downstream uses of gas, the allowances are auctioned before 31 December 2028.

- (\*) Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2020 on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment, and amending Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 (OJ L 198, 22.6.2020, p. 13).';
- (b) paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:
  - At least 80 % of the revenue from allowances referred to in Article 10(1), third subparagraph, and from allowances covered by a notification pursuant to paragraph 4 of this Article, and at least 90 % of the revenue from allowances referred to in Article 10(1), fourth subparagraph, shall be used to support investments in the
  - (a) the generation and use of electricity from renewable sources, including renewable hydrogen;
  - (b) heating and cooling from renewable sources;
  - (c) the reduction of overall energy use through energy efficiency, including in industry, transport, buildings, agriculture and waste;
  - (d) energy storage and the modernisation of energy networks, including demand-side management, district heating pipelines, grids for electricity transmission, the increase of interconnections between Member States and infrastructure for zero-emission mobility;
  - (e) support for low-income households, including in rural and remote areas, to address energy poverty and to modernise their heating systems; and
  - (f) a just transition in carbon-dependent regions in the beneficiary Member States, so as to support the redeployment, reskilling and up-skilling of workers, education, job-seeking initiatives and start-ups, in dialogue with civil society and social partners, in a manner that is consistent with and contributes to the relevant actions included by the Member States in their territorial just transition plans in accordance with Article 8(2), first subparagraph, point (k), of Regulation (EU) 2021/1056, where relevant.';
- (c) paragraph 11 is replaced by the following:
  - The investment committee shall report annually to the Commission on experience with the evaluation of investments, in particular in terms of emission reductions and abatement costs. By 31 December 2024, taking into consideration the findings of the investment committee, the Commission shall review the areas for projects referred to in paragraph 2 and the basis on which the investment committee makes its recommendations.

The investment committee shall arrange for the publication of the annual report. The Commission shall provide the annual report to the European Parliament and to the Council.';

(18) the following article is inserted:

'Article 10f

### "Do no significant harm" principle

From 1 January 2025, the beneficiary Member States and the Commission shall use the revenues generated from the auctioning of allowances destined for the Innovation Fund pursuant to Article 10a(8) of this Directive, and of the allowances referred to in Article 10(1), third and fourth subparagraphs, of this Directive in accordance with the "do no significant harm" criteria set out in Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852, where such revenues are used for an economic activity for which technical screening criteria for determining whether an economic activity causes significant harm to one or more of the relevant environmental objectives have been established pursuant to Article 10(3), point (b), of that Regulation.';

- (19) in Article 11(2), the date '28 February' is replaced by '30 June';
- (20) the title of Chapter IV is replaced by the following:

'Provisions Applying to Aviation, Maritime Transport and Stationary Installations';

- (21) Article 12 is amended as follows:
  - (a) paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:
    - '2. Member States shall ensure that allowances issued by a competent authority of another Member State are recognised for the purpose of meeting an operator's, an aircraft operator's or a shipping company's obligations under paragraph 3.';
  - (b) paragraph 2a is deleted;
  - (c) paragraph 3 is replaced by the following:
    - '3. The Member States, administering Member States and administering authorities in respect of a shipping company shall ensure that, by 30 September each year:
    - (a) the operator of each installation surrenders a number of allowances that is equal to the total emissions from that installation during the preceding calendar year, as verified in accordance with Article 15;
    - (b) each aircraft operator surrenders a number of allowances that is equal to its total emissions during the preceding calendar year, as verified in accordance with Article 15;
    - (c) each shipping company surrenders a number of allowances that is equal to its total emissions during the preceding calendar year, as verified in accordance with Article 3ge.

Member States, administering Member States and administering authorities in respect of a shipping company shall ensure that allowances surrendered in accordance with the first subparagraph are subsequently cancelled.';

- (d) the following paragraphs are inserted after paragraph 3:
  - '3-e. By way of derogation from paragraph 3, first subparagraph, point (c), shipping companies may surrender 5 % fewer allowances than their verified emissions released until 31 December 2030 from ice-class ships, provided that such ships have the ice class IA or IA Super or an equivalent ice class, established based on HELCOM Recommendation 25/7.

Where fewer allowances are surrendered compared to the verified emissions, once the difference between verified emissions and allowances surrendered has been established in respect of each year, an amount of allowances corresponding to that difference shall be cancelled rather than auctioned pursuant to Article 10.

3-d. By way of derogation from paragraph 3, first subparagraph, point (c), of this Article and Article 16, the Commission shall, at the request of a Member State, provide by means of an implementing act that Member States are to consider the requirements set out in those provisions to be satisfied and that they are to take no action against shipping companies in respect of emissions released until 31 December 2030 from voyages performed by passenger ships, other than cruise passenger ships, and by ro-pax ships, between a port of an island under the jurisdiction of that requesting Member State, with no road or rail link with the mainland and with a population of fewer than 200 000 permanent residents according to the latest best data available in 2022, and a port under the jurisdiction of that same Member State, and from the activities, within a port, of such ships in relation to such voyages.

The Commission shall publish a list of the islands referred to in the first subparagraph and the ports concerned and keep that list up to date.

3-c. By way of derogation from paragraph 3, first subparagraph, point (c), of this Article and Article 16, the Commission shall, at the joint request of two Member States, one of which having no land border with another Member State and the other Member State being the geographically closest Member State to the Member State without such a land border, provide by means of an implementing act that Member States are to consider the requirements set out in those provisions to be satisfied and that they are to take no action against shipping

companies in respect of emissions released until 31 December 2030 from voyages performed by passenger or ro-pax ships in the framework of a transnational public service contract or a transnational public service obligation, set out in the joint request, connecting the two Member States, and from the activities, within a port, of such ships in relation to such voyages.

- 3-b. An obligation to surrender allowances shall not arise in respect of emissions released until 31 December 2030 from voyages between a port located in an outermost region of a Member State and a port located in the same Member State, including voyages between ports within an outermost region and voyages between ports in the outermost regions of the same Member State, and from the activities, within a port, of such ships in relation to such voyages.';
- (e) paragraph 3-a is replaced by the following:
  - '3-a. Where necessary, and for as long as is necessary, in order to protect the environmental integrity of the EU ETS, operators, aircraft operators, and shipping companies in the EU ETS shall be prohibited from using allowances that are issued by a Member State in respect of which there are obligations lapsing for operators, aircraft operators, and shipping companies. The delegated acts referred to in Article 19(3) shall include the measures necessary in the cases referred to in this paragraph.';
- (f) the following paragraph is inserted:
  - '3b. An obligation to surrender allowances shall not arise in respect of emissions of greenhouse gases which are considered to have been captured and utilised in such a way that they have become permanently chemically bound in a product so that they do not enter the atmosphere under normal use, including any normal activity taking place after the end of the life of the product.

The Commission shall adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 23 to supplement this Directive concerning the requirements for considering that greenhouse gases have become permanently chemically bound as referred to in the first subparagraph of this paragraph.';

- (g) paragraph 4 is replaced by the following:
  - '4. Member States shall take the necessary steps to ensure that allowances are cancelled at any time at the request of the person holding them. In the event of closure of electricity generation capacity in their territory due to additional national measures, Member States may cancel allowances, and are strongly encouraged to do so, from the total quantity of allowances to be auctioned by them referred to in Article 10(2) up to an amount corresponding to the average verified emissions of the installation concerned over a period of five years preceding the closure. The Member State concerned shall inform the Commission of such intended cancellation, or of the reasons for not cancelling, in accordance with the delegated acts adopted pursuant to Article 10(4).';
- (22) in Article 14(1), the first subparagraph is replaced by the following:

The Commission shall adopt implementing acts concerning the detailed arrangements for the monitoring and reporting of emissions and, where relevant, activity data, from the activities listed in Annex I to this Directive, and non-CO<sub>2</sub> aviation effects on routes for which emissions are reported under this Directive, which shall be based on the principles for monitoring and reporting set out in Annex IV to this Directive and the requirements set out in paragraphs 2 and 5 of this Article. Those implementing acts shall also specify the global warming potential of each greenhouse gas and take into account up-to-date scientific knowledge on the effects of non-CO<sub>2</sub> aviation emissions in the requirements for monitoring and reporting of emissions and their effects, including non-CO<sub>2</sub> aviation effects. Those implementing acts shall provide for the application of the sustainability and greenhouse gas emission-saving criteria for the use of biomass established by Directive (EU) 2018/2001, with any necessary adjustments for application under this Directive, in order for such biomass to be zero-rated. They shall specify how to account for storage of emissions from a mix of zero-rated sources and sources that are not zero-rated. They shall also specify how to account for emissions from renewable fuels of non-biological origin and recycled carbon fuels, ensuring that such emissions are accounted for and that double counting is avoided.';

- (23) Article 16 is amended as follows:
  - (a) paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:
    - '2. Member States shall ensure the publication of the names of operators, aircraft operators and shipping companies that are in breach of requirements to surrender sufficient allowances under this Directive.';
  - (b) in paragraph 3, the date '30 April' is replaced by '30 September';
  - (c) the following paragraph is inserted:
    - '3a. The penalties set out in paragraph 3 shall also apply in respect of shipping companies.';
  - (d) the following paragraph is inserted:
    - '11a. In the case of a shipping company that has failed to comply with the surrender obligations for two or more consecutive reporting periods, and where other enforcement measures have failed to ensure compliance, the competent authority of the Member State of the port of entry may, after giving the opportunity to the shipping company concerned to submit its observations, issue an expulsion order, which shall be notified to the Commission, the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA), the other Member States and the flag State concerned. As a result of the issuing of such an expulsion order, every Member State, with the exception of the Member State whose flag the ship is flying, shall refuse entry of the ships under the responsibility of the shipping company concerned into any of its ports until the shipping company fulfils its surrender obligations in accordance with Article 12. Where the ship flies the flag of a Member State and enters or is found in one of its ports, the Member State concerned shall, after giving the opportunity to the shipping company concerned to submit its observations, detain the ship until the shipping company fulfils its surrender obligations.

Where a ship of a shipping company as referred to in the first subparagraph is found in one of the ports of the Member State whose flag the ship is flying, the Member State concerned may, after giving the opportunity to the shipping company concerned to submit its observations, issue a flag State detention order until the shipping company fulfils its surrender obligations. It shall inform the Commission, EMSA and the other Member States thereof. As a result of the issuing of such a flag State detention order, every Member State shall take the same measures as are required to be taken following the issuing of an expulsion order in accordance with the first subparagraph, second sentence.

This paragraph shall be without prejudice to international maritime rules applicable in the case of ships in distress.':

(24) Article 18b is replaced by the following:

'Article 18b

## Assistance from the Commission, EMSA and other relevant organisations

- 1. For the purposes of carrying out its obligations under Article 3c(4) and Articles 3g, 3gd, 3ge, 3gf, 3gg and 18a, the Commission, the administering Member State and administering authorities in respect of a shipping company may request the assistance of EMSA or another relevant organisation and may conclude to that effect any appropriate agreements with those organisations.
- 2. The Commission, assisted by EMSA, shall endeavour to develop appropriate tools and guidance to facilitate and coordinate verification and enforcement activities related to the application of this Directive to maritime transport. As far as practicable, such guidance and tools shall be made available to the Member States and the verifiers for information-sharing purposes and in order to better ensure robust enforcement of the national measures transposing this Directive.';

- (25) Article 23 is amended as follows:
  - (a) paragraphs 2 and 3 are replaced by the following:
    - '2. The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in Article 3c(6), Article 3d(3), Article 10(4), Article 10a(1), (8) and (8a), Article 10b(5), Article 12(3b), Article 19(3), Article 22, Article 24(3), Article 24a(1), Article 25a(1), Article 28c and Article 30j(1) shall be conferred on the Commission for an indeterminate period of time from 8 April 2018.
    - 3. The delegation of power referred to in Article 3c(6), Article 3d(3), Article 10(4), Article 10a(1), (8) and (8a), Article 10b(5), Article 12(3b), Article 19(3), Article 22, Article 24(3), Article 24a(1), Article 25a(1), Article 28c and Article 30j(1) may be revoked at any time by the European Parliament or by the Council. A decision to revoke shall put an end to the delegation of the power specified in that decision. It shall take effect the day following the publication of the decision in the Official Journal of the European Union or at a later date specified therein. It shall not affect the validity of any delegated acts already in force.';
  - (b) paragraph 6 is replaced by the following:
    - '6. A delegated act adopted pursuant to Article 3c(6), Article 3d(3), Article 10(4), Article 10a(1), (8) or (8a), Article 10b(5), Article 12(3b), Article 19(3), Article 22, Article 24(3), Article 24a(1), Article 25a(1), Article 28c or Article 30j(1) shall enter into force only if no objection has been expressed either by the European Parliament or by the Council within a period of two months of notification of that act to the European Parliament and to the Council or if, before the expiry of that period, the European Parliament and the Council have both informed the Commission that they will not object. That period shall be extended by two months at the initiative of the European Parliament or of the Council.';
- (26) Article 29 is replaced by the following:

'Article 29

## Report to ensure the better functioning of the carbon market

If the regular reports on the carbon market referred to in Article 10(5) and (6) contain evidence that the carbon market is not functioning properly, the Commission shall within a period of three months submit a report to the European Parliament and to the Council. The report may be accompanied, where appropriate, by legislative proposals aiming at increasing the transparency and integrity of the carbon market, including related derivative markets, and addressing the corrective measures to improve its functioning, as well as to enhance the prevention and detection of market abuse activities.';

(27) Article 29a is replaced by the following:

'Article 29a

## Measures in the event of excessive price fluctuations

1. If the average allowance price for the six preceding calendar months is more than 2,4 times the average allowance price for the preceding two-year reference period, 75 million allowances shall be released from the market stability reserve in accordance with Article 1(7) of Decision (EU) 2015/1814.

The allowance price referred to in the first subparagraph of this paragraph shall, for allowances covered by Chapters II and III, be the price of auctions carried out in accordance with the delegated acts adopted pursuant to Article 10(4).

The preceding two-year reference period referred to in the first subparagraph shall be the two-year period that ends before the first month of the period of six calendar months referred to in that subparagraph.

Where the condition in the first subparagraph of this paragraph is met and paragraph 2 is not applicable, the Commission shall publish a notice to that effect in the Official Journal of the European Union indicating the date on which the condition was fulfilled.

The Commission shall publish within the first three working days of each month the average allowance price for the preceding six calendar months and the average allowance price for the preceding two-year reference period. If the condition referred to in the first subparagraph is not met, the Commission shall also publish the level that the average allowance price would have to reach in the next month in order to meet the condition referred to in that subparagraph.

- 2. When the condition for release of allowances from the market stability reserve pursuant to paragraph 1 has been met, the condition referred to in that paragraph shall not be considered to have been met again until at least twelve months after the end of the previous release.
- 3. The detailed arrangements for the application of the measures referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article shall be laid down in the delegated acts referred to in Article 10(4).';
- (28) Article 30 is amended as follows:
  - (a) paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:
    - '1. This Directive shall be kept under review in the light of international developments and efforts undertaken to achieve the long-term objectives of the Paris Agreement, and of any relevant commitments resulting from the Conferences of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.';
  - (b) paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:
    - '2. The measures to support certain energy-intensive industries that may be subject to carbon leakage referred to in Articles 10a and 10b of this Directive shall also be kept under review in the light of climate policy measures in other major economies. In this context, the Commission shall also consider whether measures in relation to the compensation of indirect costs should be further harmonised. The measures applicable to CBAM sectors shall be kept under review in light of the application of Regulation (EU) 2023/956. Before 1 January 2028, and every two years thereafter, as part of its reports to the European Parliament and to the Council pursuant to Article 30(6) of that Regulation, the Commission shall assess the impact of CBAM on the risk of carbon leakage, including in relation to exports.

The report shall assess the need for taking additional measures, including legislative measures, to address carbon leakage risks. The report shall, where appropriate, be accompanied by a legislative proposal.';

- (c) paragraph 3 is replaced by the following:
  - '3. The Commission shall report to the European Parliament and to the Council in the context of each global stocktake agreed under the Paris Agreement, in particular with regard to the need for additional Union policies and measures in view of necessary greenhouse gas reductions by the Union and its Member States, including in relation to the linear factor referred to in Article 9 of this Directive. The Commission may, where appropriate, submit legislative proposals to the European Parliament and to the Council to amend this Directive, in particular in order to ensure compliance with the climate-neutrality objective laid down in Article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1119 and the Union climate targets laid down in Article 4 of that Regulation. When making its legislative proposals, the Commission shall, to that end, consider, inter alia, the projected indicative Union greenhouse gas budget for the period from 2030 to 2050 as referred to in Article 4(4) of that Regulation.';
- (d) the following paragraphs are added:
  - '5. By 31 July 2026, the Commission shall report to the European Parliament and to the Council on the following matters, accompanied, where appropriate, by a legislative proposal and impact assessment:
  - (a) how negative emissions resulting from greenhouse gases that are removed from the atmosphere and safely and permanently stored could be accounted for and how those negative emissions could be covered by emissions trading, if appropriate, including a clear scope and strict criteria for such coverage, and safeguards to ensure that such removals do not offset necessary emission reductions in accordance with Union climate targets laid down in Regulation (EU) 2021/1119;
  - (b) the feasibility of lowering the 20 MW total rated thermal input thresholds for the activities in Annex I from 2031:

- (c) whether all greenhouse gas emissions covered by this Directive are effectively accounted for, and whether double counting is effectively avoided; in particular, it shall assess the accounting of the greenhouse gas emissions which are considered to have been captured and utilised in a product in a manner other than that referred to in Article 12(3b).
- 6. When reviewing this Directive, in accordance with paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this Article, the Commission shall analyse how linkages between the EU ETS and other carbon markets can be established without impeding the achievement of the climate-neutrality objective and the Union climate targets laid down in Regulation (EU) 2021/1119.
- 7. By 31 July 2026, the Commission shall present a report to the European Parliament and to the Council in which it shall assess the feasibility of including municipal waste incineration installations in the EU ETS, including with a view to their inclusion from 2028 and with an assessment of the potential need for an option for a Member State to opt out until 31 December 2030. In that regard, the Commission shall take into account the importance of all sectors contributing to emission reductions and potential diversion of waste towards disposal by landfilling in the Union and waste exports to third countries. The Commission shall in addition take into account relevant criteria such as the effects on the internal market, potential distortions of competition, environmental integrity, alignment with the objectives of Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (\*) and robustness and accuracy with regard to the monitoring and calculation of emissions. The Commission shall, where appropriate and without prejudice to Article 4 of that Directive, accompany that report with a legislative proposal to apply the provisions of this Chapter to greenhouse gas emissions permits and the allocation and issue of additional allowances in respect of municipal waste incineration installations, and to prevent potential diversion of waste.

In the report referred to in the first subparagraph, the Commission shall also assess the possibility of including in the EU ETS other waste management processes, in particular landfills which create methane and nitrous oxide emissions in the Union. The Commission may, where appropriate, also accompany that report with a legislative proposal to include such other waste management processes in the EU ETS.

- (\*) Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on waste and repealing certain Directives (OJ L 312, 22.11.2008, p. 3).';
- (29) the following Chapter is inserted after Article 30:

'Chapter IVa

Emissions Trading System for Buildings, Road Transport and additional Sectors

Article 30a

#### Scope

The provisions of this Chapter shall apply to emissions, greenhouse gas emissions permits, the issue and surrender of allowances, monitoring, reporting and verification in respect of the activity referred to in Annex III. This Chapter shall not apply to any emissions covered by Chapters II and III.

Article 30b

# Greenhouse gas emissions permits

- 1. Member States shall ensure that, from 1 January 2025, no regulated entity carries out the activity referred to in Annex III unless that regulated entity holds a permit issued by a competent authority in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Article.
- 2. An application to the competent authority by the regulated entity pursuant to paragraph 1 of this Article for a greenhouse gas emissions permit under this Chapter shall include, at least, a description of:
- (a) the regulated entity;

- (b) the type of fuels it releases for consumption and which are used for combustion in the sectors referred to in Annex III and the means through which it releases those fuels for consumption;
- (c) the end use or end uses of the fuels released for consumption for the activity referred to in Annex III;
- (d) the measures planned to monitor and report emissions, in accordance with the implementing acts referred to in Articles 14 and 30f;
- (e) a non-technical summary of the information referred to in points (a) to (d) of this paragraph.
- 3. The competent authority shall issue a greenhouse gas emissions permit granting authorisation to the regulated entity referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article for the activity referred to in Annex III, if it is satisfied that the entity is capable of monitoring and reporting emissions corresponding to the quantities of fuels released for consumption pursuant to Annex III.
- 4. Greenhouse gas emissions permits shall contain, at least, the following:
- (a) the name and address of the regulated entity;
- (b) a description of the means by which the regulated entity releases the fuels for consumption in the sectors covered by this Chapter;
- (c) a list of the fuels the regulated entity releases for consumption in the sectors covered by this Chapter;
- (d) a monitoring plan that fulfils the requirements established by the implementing acts referred to in Article 14;
- (e) reporting requirements established by the implementing acts referred to in Article 14;
- (f) an obligation to surrender allowances issued under this Chapter, equal to the total emissions in each calendar year, as verified in accordance with Article 15, by the deadline laid down in Article 30e(2).
- 5. Member States may allow the regulated entities to update monitoring plans without changing the permit. Regulated entities shall submit any updated monitoring plans to the competent authority for approval.
- 6. The regulated entity shall inform the competent authority of any planned changes to the nature of its activity or to the fuels it releases for consumption, which may require updating the greenhouse gas emissions permit. Where appropriate, the competent authority shall update the permit in accordance with the implementing acts referred to in Article 14. Where there is a change in the identity of the regulated entity covered by this Chapter, the competent authority shall update the permit to include the name and address of the new regulated entity.

Article 30c

### Union-wide quantity of allowances

- 1. The Union-wide quantity of allowances issued under this Chapter each year from 2027 shall decrease in a linear manner beginning in 2024. The 2024 value shall be defined as the 2024 emission limits, calculated on the basis of the reference emissions under Article 4(2) of Regulation (EU) 2018/842 of the European Parliament and of the Council (\*) for the sectors covered by this Chapter and applying the linear reduction trajectory for all emissions within the scope of that Regulation. The quantity shall decrease each year after 2024 by a linear reduction factor of 5,10 %. By 1 January 2025, the Commission shall publish the Union-wide quantity of allowances for the year 2027.
- 2. The Union-wide quantity of allowances issued under this Chapter each year from 2028 shall decrease in a linear manner beginning from 2025 on the basis of the average emissions reported under this Chapter for the years 2024 to 2026. The quantity of allowances shall decrease by a linear reduction factor of 5,38 %, except if the conditions set out in point 1 of Annex IIIa apply, in which case the quantity shall decrease by a linear reduction factor adjusted in accordance with the rules set out in point 2 of Annex IIIa. By 30 June 2027, the Commission shall publish the Union-wide quantity of allowances for 2028 and, if required, the adjusted linear reduction factor.

- 3. The Union-wide quantity of allowances issued under this Chapter shall be adjusted for each year from 2028 to compensate for the quantity of allowances surrendered in cases where it was not possible to avoid double counting of emissions or where allowances have been surrendered for emissions not covered by this Chapter as referred to in Article 30f(5). The adjustment shall correspond to the total amount of allowances covered by this Chapter which were compensated for in the relevant reporting year pursuant to the implementing acts referred to in Article 30f(5), second subparagraph.
- 4. A Member State that, pursuant to Article 30j, unilaterally extends the activity referred to in Annex III to sectors that are not listed in that Annex shall ensure that the regulated entities concerned submit, by 30 April of the relevant year, to the relevant competent authority a duly substantiated report in accordance with Article 30f. If the data submitted are duly substantiated, the competent authority shall notify the Commission thereof by 30 June of the relevant year. The quantity of allowances to be issued under paragraph 1 of this Article shall be adjusted taking into account the duly substantiated reports submitted by the regulated entities.

Article 30d

## Auctioning of allowances for the activity referred to in Annex III

- 1. From 2027, allowances covered by this Chapter shall be auctioned, unless they are placed in the market stability reserve established by Decision (EU) 2015/1814. The allowances covered by this Chapter shall be auctioned separately from the allowances covered by Chapters II and III of this Directive.
- 2. The auctioning of the allowances under this Chapter shall start in 2027 with an amount corresponding to 130 % of the auction volumes for 2027 established on the basis of the Union-wide quantity of allowances for that year and the respective auction shares and volumes pursuant to paragraphs 3 to 6 of this Article. The additional 30 % to be auctioned shall only be used for surrendering allowances pursuant to Article 30e(2) and may be auctioned until 31 May 2028. The additional 30% shall be deducted from the auction volumes for the period from 2029 to 2031. The conditions for the auctions provided for in this paragraph shall be set in accordance with paragraph 7 of this Article and Article 10(4).

In 2027, 600 million allowances covered by this Chapter shall be created as holdings in the market stability reserve pursuant to Article 1a(3) of Decision (EU) 2015/1814.

- 3. 150 million allowances issued under this Chapter shall be auctioned and all revenues from those auctions made available for the Social Climate Fund established by Regulation (EU) 2023/955 until 2032.
- 4. From the remaining amount of allowances and in order to generate, together with the revenue from the allowances referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article and Article 10a(8b) of this Directive, a maximum amount of EUR 65 000 000 000, the Commission shall ensure that an additional amount of allowances covered by this Chapter is auctioned and the revenues from those auctions are made available for the Social Climate Fund established by Regulation (EU) 2023/955 until 2032.

The Commission shall ensure that the allowances destined for the Social Climate Fund referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article and in this paragraph are auctioned in accordance with the principles and modalities referred to in Article 10(4) and the delegated acts adopted pursuant to that Article.

The revenues from the auctioning of the allowances referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article and in this paragraph shall constitute external assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, and shall be used in accordance with the rules applicable to the Social Climate Fund.

The annual amount allocated to the Social Climate Fund in accordance with Article 10a(8b), paragraph 3 of this Article and this paragraph shall not exceed:

- (a) for 2026, EUR 4 000 000 000;
- (b) for 2027, EUR 10 900 000 000;

- (c) for 2028, EUR 10 500 000 000;
- (d) for 2029, EUR 10 300 000 000;
- (e) for 2030, EUR 10 100 000 000;
- (f) for 2031, EUR 9 800 000 000;
- (g) for 2032, EUR 9 400 000 000.

Where the emissions trading system established in accordance with this Chapter is postponed until 2028 pursuant to Article 30k, the maximum amount to be made available to the Social Climate Fund in accordance with the first subparagraph of this paragraph shall be EUR 54 600 000 000. In such a case, the annual amounts allocated to the Social Climate Fund shall not exceed cumulatively for the years 2026 and 2027, EUR 4 000 000 000, and for the period from 1 January 2028 until 31 December 2032, the relevant annual amount shall not exceed:

- (a) for 2028, EUR 11 400 000 000;
- (b) for 2029, EUR 10 300 000 000;
- (c) for 2030, EUR 10 100 000 000;
- (d) for 2031, EUR 9 800 000 000;
- (e) for 2032, EUR 9 000 000 000.

Where revenue generated from the auctioning referred to in paragraph 5 of this Article is established as an own resource in accordance with Article 311, third paragraph, TFEU, Article 10a(8b) of this Directive, paragraph 3 of this Article and this paragraph shall not be applicable.

- 5. The total quantity of allowances covered by this Chapter, after deducting the quantities set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Article, shall be auctioned by the Member States and distributed amongst them in shares that are identical to the share of reference emissions under Article 4(2) of Regulation (EU) 2018/842 for the categories of emission sources referred to in the second paragraph, points (b), (c) and (d), of Annex III to this Directive for the average of the period from 2016 to 2018 of the Member State concerned, as comprehensively reviewed pursuant to Article 4(3) of that Regulation.
- 6. Member States shall determine the use of revenues generated from the auctioning of allowances referred to in paragraph 5 of this Article, except for the revenues constituting external assigned revenue in accordance with paragraph 4 of this Article or the revenues established as own resources in accordance with Article 311, third paragraph, TFEU and entered in the Union budget. Member States shall use their revenues or the equivalent in financial value of those revenues for one or more of the purposes referred to in Article 10(3) of this Directive, giving priority to activities that can contribute to addressing social aspects of the emissions trading under this Chapter, or for one or more of the following:
- (a) measures intended to contribute to the decarbonisation of heating and cooling of buildings or to the reduction of the energy needs of buildings, including the integration of renewable energies and related measures in accordance with Article 7(11) and Articles 12 and 20 of Directive 2012/27/EU, as well as measures to provide financial support for low-income households in worst-performing buildings;
- (b) measures intended to accelerate the uptake of zero-emission vehicles or to provide financial support for the deployment of fully interoperable refuelling and recharging infrastructure for zero-emission vehicles, or measures to encourage a shift to public transport and improve multimodality, or to provide financial support in order to address social aspects concerning low- and middle-income transport users;
- (c) to finance their Social Climate Plan in accordance with Article 15 of Regulation (EU) 2023/955;
- (d) to provide financial compensation to the final consumers of fuels in cases where it has not been possible to avoid double counting of emissions or where allowances have been surrendered for emissions not covered by this Chapter as referred to in Article 30f(5).

Member States shall be deemed to have fulfilled the provisions of this paragraph if they have in place and implement fiscal or financial support policies or regulatory policies which leverage financial support, established for the purposes set out in the first subparagraph of this paragraph, and which have a value equivalent to the revenues referred to in that subparagraph generated from the auctioning of allowances referred to in this Chapter.

Member States shall inform the Commission as to the use of revenues and the actions taken pursuant to this paragraph by including this information in their reports submitted under Regulation (EU) 2018/1999.

7. Article 10(4) and (5) shall apply to the allowances issued under this Chapter.

Article 30e

#### Transfer, surrender and cancellation of allowances

- 1. Article 12 shall apply to the emissions, regulated entities and allowances covered by this Chapter, with the exception of paragraphs 3 and 3a, paragraph 4, second and third sentence, and paragraph 5 of that Article. For that purpose:
- (a) any reference to emissions shall be read as if it were a reference to the emissions covered by this Chapter;
- (b) any reference to operators of installations shall be read as if it were a reference to the regulated entities covered by this Chapter;
- (c) any reference to allowances shall be read as if it were a reference to the allowances covered by this Chapter.
- 2. From 1 January 2028, Member States shall ensure that, by 31 May each year, the regulated entity surrenders an amount of allowances covered by this Chapter that is equal to the regulated entity's total emissions, corresponding to the quantity of fuels released for consumption pursuant to Annex III, during the preceding calendar year as verified in accordance with Articles 15 and 30f, and that those allowances are subsequently cancelled.
- 3. Until 31 December 2030, by way of derogation from paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article, where a regulated entity established in a given Member State is subject to a national carbon tax in force for the years 2027 to 2030, covering the activity referred to in Annex III, the competent authority of the Member State concerned may exempt that regulated entity from the obligation to surrender allowances under paragraph 2 of this Article for a given reference year, provided that:
- (a) the Member State concerned notifies the Commission of that national carbon tax by 31 December 2023, and the national law setting the tax rates applicable for the years 2027 to 2030 has, by that date, entered into force; the Member State concerned shall notify the Commission of any subsequent change to the national carbon tax;
- (b) for the reference year, the national carbon tax of the Member State concerned effectively paid by that regulated entity is higher than the average auction clearing price of the emissions trading system established under this Chapter;
- (c) the regulated entity fully complies with the obligations under Article 30b on greenhouse emissions permits and Article 30f on monitoring, reporting and verification of its emissions;
- (d) the Member State concerned notifies the Commission of the application of any such exemption and the corresponding amount of allowances to be cancelled in accordance with point (g) of this subparagraph and the delegated acts adopted pursuant to Article 10(4), by 31 May of the year after the reference year;
- (e) the Commission does not raise an objection to the application of the derogation on the ground that the measure notified is not in conformity with the conditions set out in this paragraph, within three months of a notification under point (a) of this subparagraph or within one month of the notification for the relevant year under point (d) of this subparagraph;

- (f) the Member State concerned does not auction the amount of allowances referred to in Article 30d(5) for a particular reference year until the amount of allowances to be cancelled under this paragraph is determined in accordance with point (g) of this subparagraph; the Member State concerned shall not auction any of the additional amount of allowances pursuant to Article 30d(2), first subparagraph;
- (g) the Member State concerned cancels an amount of allowances from the total quantity of allowances to be auctioned by it, referred to in Article 30d(5), for the reference year, which is equal to the verified emissions of that regulated entity under this Chapter for the reference year; where the amount of allowances that remains to be auctioned in the reference year following application of point (f) of this subparagraph is below the amount of allowances to be cancelled under this paragraph, the Member State concerned shall ensure that it cancels the amount of allowances corresponding to the difference by the end of the year after the reference year; and
- (h) the Member State concerned commits, at the time of the first notification under point (a) of this subparagraph, to using for one or more of the measures listed or referred to in Article 30d(6), first subparagraph, an amount equivalent to the revenues to which Article 30d(6) would have applied in the absence of this derogation; Article 30d(6), second and third subparagraphs, shall apply and the Commission shall ensure that the information received pursuant thereto is in conformity with the commitment made under this point.
  - The amount of allowances to be cancelled under the first subparagraph, point (g), of this paragraph shall not affect the external assigned revenue established pursuant to Article 30d(4) of this Directive or, where it has been established pursuant to Article 311, third paragraph, TFEU, the own resources of the Union budget pursuant to Council Decision (EU, Euratom) 2020/2053 (\*\*) from the revenues generated from auctioning of allowances in accordance with Article 30d of this Directive.
- 4. Hospitals which are not covered by Chapter III may be provided with financial compensation for the cost passed on to them due to the surrender of allowances under this Chapter. For that purpose, the provisions of this Chapter applicable to cases of double counting shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

Article 30f

# Monitoring, reporting, verification of emissions and accreditation

- 1. Articles 14 and 15 shall apply to the emissions, regulated entities and allowances covered by this Chapter. For that purpose:
- (a) any reference to emissions shall be read as if it were a reference to the emissions covered by this Chapter;
- (b) any reference to an activity listed in Annex I shall be read as if it were a reference to the activity referred to in Annex III;
- (c) any reference to operators shall be read as if it were a reference to the regulated entities covered by this Chapter;
- (d) any reference to allowances shall be read as if it were a reference to the allowances covered by this Chapter;
- (e) the reference to the date in Article 15 shall be read as if it were a reference to 30 April.
- 2. Member States shall ensure that each regulated entity monitors for each calendar year from 2025 the emissions corresponding to the quantities of fuels released for consumption pursuant to Annex III. They shall also ensure that each regulated entity reports those emissions to the competent authority in the following year, starting in 2026, in accordance with the implementing acts referred to in Article 14(1).
- 3. From 1 January 2028, Member States shall ensure that, by 30 April each year until 2030, each regulated entity reports the average share of costs related to the surrender of allowances under this Chapter which it passed on to consumers for the preceding year. The Commission shall adopt implementing acts concerning the requirements and templates for those reports. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 22a(2). The Commission shall assess the submitted reports and annually report its findings to the European Parliament and to the Council. Where the Commission finds that improper practices exist with regard to the passing on of carbon costs, the report may be accompanied, where appropriate, by legislative proposals aimed at addressing such improper practices.

- 4. Member States shall ensure that each regulated entity holding a permit in accordance with Article 30b on 1 January 2025 reports its historical emissions for the year 2024 by 30 April 2025.
- 5. Member States shall ensure that the regulated entities are able to identify and document reliably and accurately, per type of fuel, the precise quantities of fuel released for consumption which are used for combustion in the sectors referred to in Annex III, and the final use of the fuels released for consumption by the regulated entities. The Member States shall take appropriate measures to limit the risk of double counting of emissions covered under this Chapter and the emissions under Chapters II and III, as well as the risk of allowances being surrendered for emissions not covered by this Chapter.

The Commission shall adopt implementing acts concerning the detailed rules for avoiding double counting and allowances being surrendered for emissions not covered by this Chapter, as well as for providing financial compensation to the final consumers of the fuels in cases where such double counting or surrender cannot be avoided. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 22a(2). The calculation of the financial compensation for the final consumers of the fuels shall be based on the average price of allowances in the auctions carried out in accordance with the delegated acts adopted pursuant to Article 10(4) in the relevant reporting year.

- 6. The principles for monitoring and reporting of emissions covered by this Chapter are set out in Part C of Annex IV.
- 7. The criteria for the verification of emissions covered by this Chapter are set out in Part C of Annex V.
- 8. Member States may allow simplified monitoring, reporting and verification measures for regulated entities whose annual emissions corresponding to the quantities of fuels released for consumption are less than 1 000 tonnes of  $CO_2$  equivalent, in accordance with the implementing acts referred to in Article 14(1).

Article 30g

#### Administration

Articles 13 and 15a, Article 16(1), (2), (3), (4) and (12), and Articles 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 22a, 23 and 29 shall apply to the emissions, regulated entities and allowances covered by this Chapter. For that purpose:

- (a) any reference to emissions shall be read as if it were a reference to emissions covered by this Chapter;
- (b) any reference to operators shall be read as if it were a reference to regulated entities covered by this Chapter;
- (c) any reference to allowances shall be read as if it were a reference to the allowances covered by this Chapter.

Article 30h

# Measures in the event of an excessive price increase

1. Where, for more than three consecutive months, the average price of allowances in the auctions carried out in accordance with the delegated acts adopted pursuant to Article 10(4) of this Directive is more than twice the average price of allowances during the six preceding consecutive months in the auctions for the allowances covered by this Chapter, 50 million allowances covered by this Chapter shall be released from the market stability reserve in accordance with Article 1a(7) of Decision (EU) 2015/1814.

For the years 2027 and 2028, the condition referred to in the first subparagraph shall be met where, for more than three consecutive months, the average price of allowances is more than 1,5 times the average price of allowances during the reference period of the six preceding consecutive months.

2. Where the average price of allowances referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article exceeds a price of EUR 45 for a period of two consecutive months, 20 million allowances covered by this Chapter shall be released from the market stability reserve in accordance with Article 1a(7) of Decision (EU) 2015/1814. Indexation based on the European index of consumer prices for 2020 shall apply. Allowances shall be released through the mechanism provided for in this paragraph up to 31 December 2029.

- 3. Where the average price of allowances referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article is more than three times the average price of allowances during the six preceding consecutive months, 150 million allowances covered by this Chapter shall be released from the market stability reserve in accordance with Article 1a(7) of Decision (EU) 2015/1814.
- 4. Where the condition referred to in paragraph 2 has been met on the same day as the condition referred to in paragraph 1 or 3, additional allowances shall be released only pursuant to paragraph 1 or 3.
- 5. Before 31 December 2029, the Commission shall present a report to the European Parliament and to the Council in which it assesses whether the mechanism referred to in paragraph 2 has been effective and whether it should be continued. The Commission shall, where appropriate, accompany that report with a legislative proposal to the European Parliament and to the Council to amend this Directive to adjust that mechanism.
- 6. Where one or more of the conditions referred to in paragraph 1, 2 or 3 have been met and resulted in a release of allowances, additional allowances shall not be released pursuant to this Article earlier than 12 months thereafter.
- 7. Where, within the second half of the period of 12 months referred to in paragraph 6 of this Article, the condition referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article has been met again, the Commission shall, assisted by the Committee established by Article 44 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1999, assess the effectiveness of the measure and may by means of an implementing act decide that paragraph 6 of this Article is not to apply. That implementing act shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 22a(2) of this Directive.
- 8. Where one or more of the conditions referred to in paragraph 1, 2 or 3 have been met and paragraph 6 is not applicable, the Commission shall promptly publish a notice in the Official Journal of the European Union concerning the date on which that or those conditions were met.
- 9. Member States that are subject to the obligation to provide a corrective action plan in accordance with Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2018/842 shall take due account of the effects of a release of additional allowances pursuant to paragraph 2 of this Article during the previous two years when considering additional actions to be implemented as referred to in Article 8(1), first subparagraph, point (c), of that Regulation in order to meet their obligations under that Regulation.

Article 30i

# **Review of this Chapter**

By 1 January 2028, the Commission shall report to the European Parliament and to the Council on the implementation of the provisions of this Chapter with regard to their effectiveness, administration and practical application, including on the application of the rules under Decision (EU) 2015/1814. Where appropriate, the Commission shall accompany that report with a legislative proposal to amend this Chapter. By 31 October 2031, the Commission shall assess the feasibility of integrating the sectors covered by Annex III to this Directive into the EU ETS covering the sectors listed in Annex I to this Directive.

Article 30j

# Procedures for unilateral extension of the activity referred to in Annex III to other sectors not subject to Chapters II and III

1. From 2027, Member States may extend the activity referred to in Annex III to sectors that are not listed in that Annex and thereby apply emissions trading in accordance with this Chapter in such sectors, taking into account all relevant criteria, in particular the effects on the internal market, potential distortions of competition, the environmental integrity of the emissions trading system established pursuant to this Chapter and the reliability of the planned monitoring and reporting system, provided that the extension of the activity referred to in that Annex is approved by the Commission.

The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 23 to supplement this Directive concerning the approval of an extension as referred to in the first subparagraph of this paragraph, authorisation for the issue of additional allowances and authorisation of other Member States to extend the activity referred to in Annex III. The Commission may also, when adopting such delegated acts, supplement the extension with further rules governing measures to address possible instances of double counting, including for the issue of additional allowances to compensate for allowances surrendered for use of fuels in activities listed in Annex I. Any financial measures by Member States in favour of companies in sectors and subsectors which are exposed to a genuine risk of carbon leakage, due to significant indirect costs that are incurred from greenhouse gas emission costs passed on in fuel prices due to the unilateral extension, shall be in accordance with State aid rules, and shall not cause undue distortions of competition in the internal market.

2. Additional allowances issued pursuant to an authorisation under this Article shall be auctioned in line with the requirements laid down in Article 30d. Notwithstanding Article 30d(1) to (6), Member States having unilaterally extended the activity referred to in Annex III in accordance with this Article shall determine the use of revenues generated from the auctioning of those additional allowances.

Article 30k

# Postponement of emissions trading for buildings, road transport and additional sectors until 2028 in the event of exceptionally high energy prices

- 1. By 15 July 2026, the Commission shall publish a notice in the Official Journal of the European Union concerning whether one or both of the following conditions have been met:
- (a) the average TTF gas price for the six calendar months ending 30 June 2026 was higher than the average TTF gas price in February and March 2022;
- (b) the average Brent crude oil price for the six calendar months ending 30 June 2026 was more than twice the average Brent crude oil price during the five preceding years; the five-year reference period shall be the five-year period that ends before the first month of the period of six calendar months.
- 2. Where one or both of the conditions referred to in paragraph 1 are met, the following rules shall apply:
- (a) by way of derogation from Article 30c(1), the first year for which the Union-wide quantity of allowances is established shall be 2028 and, by way of derogation from Article 30c(3), the first year for which the Union-wide quantity of allowances is adjusted shall be 2029;
- (b) by way of derogation from Article 30d(1) and (2), the start of auctioning of allowances under this Chapter shall be postponed to 2028;
- (c) by way of derogation from Article 30d(2), the additional amount of allowances for the first year of auctions shall be deducted from the auction volumes for the period from 2030 to 2032 and the initial holdings in the market stability reserve shall be created in 2028;
- (d) by way of derogation from Article 30e(2), the deadline for initial surrendering of allowances shall be put back to 31 May 2029 for total emissions in the year 2028;
- (e) by way of derogation from Article 30i, the deadline for the Commission to report to the European Parliament and to the Council shall be put back to 1 January 2029.

<sup>(\*)</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).

<sup>(\*\*)</sup> Council Decision (EU, Euratom) 2020/2053 of 14 December 2020 on the system of own resources of the European Union and repealing Decision 2014/335/EU, Euratom (OJ L 424, 15.12.2020, p. 1).';

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(30) the following Chapter is inserted:

'Chapter IVb

Scientific Advice and Visibility of Funding

Article 30l

#### Scientific advice

The European Scientific Advisory Board on Climate Change (the 'Advisory Board') established under Article 10a of Regulation (EC) No 401/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council (\*) may, on its own initiative, provide scientific advice and issue reports regarding this Directive. The Commission shall take into account the relevant advice and reports of the Advisory Board, in particular as regards:

- (a) the need for additional Union policies and measures to ensure compliance with the objectives and targets referred to in Article 30(3) of this Directive;
- (b) the need for additional Union policies and measures in view of agreements on global measures within ICAO to reduce the climate impact of aviation, and of the ambition and environmental integrity of the global market-based measure of the IMO referred to in Article 3gg of this Directive.

Article 30m

## Information, communication and publicity

- 1. The Commission shall ensure the visibility of funding from EU ETS auctioning revenues referred to in Article 10a(8) by:
- (a) ensuring that the beneficiaries of such funding acknowledge the origin of those funds and ensure the visibility of the Union funding, in particular when promoting the projects and their results, by providing coherent, effective and proportionate targeted information to multiple audiences, including the media and the public; and
- (b) ensuring that the recipients of such funding use an appropriate label that reads '(co-)funded by the EU Emissions Trading System (the Innovation Fund)', as well as the emblem of the Union and the amount of funding; where the use of that label is not feasible, the Innovation Fund shall be mentioned in all communication activities, including on notice boards at strategic places visible to the public.

The Commission shall in the delegated act referred to in Article 10a(8) set out the necessary requirements to ensure the visibility of funding from the Innovation Fund, including a requirement to mention that Fund.

- 2. Member States shall ensure the visibility of funding from EU ETS auctioning revenues referred to in Article 10d corresponding to what is referred to in paragraph 1, first subparagraph, points (a) and (b), of this Article, including through a requirement to mention the Modernisation Fund.
- 3. Taking into account national circumstances, the Member States shall endeavour to ensure the visibility of the source of the funding of actions or projects funded from the EU ETS auctioning revenues of which they determine the use in accordance with Article 3d(4), Article 10(3) and Article 30d(6).

<sup>(\*)</sup> Regulation (EC) No 401/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009 on the European Environment Agency and the European Environment Information and Observation Network (OJ L 126, 21.5.2009, p. 13).';

<sup>(31)</sup> Annexes I, IIb, IV and V to Directive 2003/87/EC are amended in accordance with Annex I to this Directive, and Annexes III and IIIa are inserted in Directive 2003/87/EC as set out in Annex I to this Directive.

# Article 2

# Amendments to Decision (EU) 2015/1814

Decision (EU) 2015/1814 is amended as follows:

- (1) Article 1 is amended as follows:
  - (a) paragraph 4 is replaced by the following:
    - '4. The Commission shall publish the total number of allowances in circulation each year by 1 June of the subsequent year. The total number of allowances in circulation in a given year shall be the cumulative number of allowances issued in respect of installations and shipping companies and not placed in the reserve in the period since 1 January 2008, including the number of allowances that were issued pursuant to Article 13(2) of Directive 2003/87/EC, in the version in force on 18 March 2018, in that period and entitlements to use international credits exercised by installations under the EU ETS, up to 31 December of that given year, minus the cumulative tonnes of verified emissions from installations and shipping companies under the EU ETS between 1 January 2008 and 31 December of that same given year, and any allowances cancelled in accordance with Article 12(4) of Directive 2003/87/EC. No account shall be taken of emissions during the three-year period starting in 2005 and ending in 2007 and allowances issued in respect of those emissions. The first publication shall take place by 15 May 2017.';
  - (b) the following paragraph is inserted:
    - '4a. As from 2024, the calculation of the total number of allowances in circulation in any given year shall include the cumulative number of allowances issued in respect of aviation and the cumulative tonnes of verified emissions from aviation under the EU ETS, excluding emissions from flights on routes covered by offsetting calculated pursuant to Article 12(6) of Directive 2003/87/EC, between 1 January 2024 and 31 December of that same given year.

The allowances cancelled pursuant to Article 3gb of Directive 2003/87/EC shall be considered as issued for the purposes of the calculation of the total number of allowances in circulation.';

- (c) paragraphs 5 and 5a are replaced by the following:
  - '5. In any given year, if the total number of allowances in circulation is between 833 million and 1 096 million, a number of allowances equal to the difference between the total number of allowances in circulation, as set out in the most recent publication as referred to in paragraph 4 of this Article, and 833 million shall be deducted from the quantity of allowances to be auctioned by the Member States under Article 10(2) of Directive 2003/87/EC and shall be placed in the reserve over a period of 12 months beginning on 1 September of that year. If the total number of allowances in circulation is above 1 096 million allowances, the number of allowances to be deducted from the quantity of allowances to be auctioned by the Member States under Article 10(2) of Directive 2003/87/EC and to be placed in the reserve over a period of 12 months beginning on 1 September of that year shall be equal to 12 % of the total number of allowances in circulation. By way of derogation from the second sentence of this subparagraph, until 31 December 2030, the percentage referred to in that sentence shall be doubled.

Without prejudice to the total number of allowances to be deducted pursuant to this paragraph, until 31 December 2030, allowances referred to in Article 10(2), first subparagraph, point (b), of Directive 2003/87/EC shall not be taken into account when determining Member States' shares contributing to that total amount.

- 5a. Unless otherwise decided in the first review carried out in accordance with Article 3, from 2023 allowances held in the reserve above 400 million allowances shall no longer be valid.';
- (d) paragraph 7 replaced by the following:
  - '7. In any given year, if paragraph 6 of this Article is not applicable and the condition in Article 29a(1) of Directive 2003/87/EC has been met, 75 million allowances shall be released from the reserve and added to the quantity of allowances to be auctioned by the Member States under Article 10(2) of that Directive. Where fewer than 75 million allowances are in the reserve, all allowances in the reserve shall be released under this paragraph. Where the condition in Article 29a(1) of that Directive is met, the volumes to be released from the reserve in

accordance with that Article shall be evenly distributed during a period of three months, starting no later than two months from the date when the condition in Article 29a(1) of that Directive is met as notified by the Commission in accordance with the fourth subparagraph thereof.';

(2) the following Article is inserted:

'Article 1a

# Operation of the market stability reserve for the buildings, road transport and additional sectors

- 1. Allowances covered by Chapter IVa of Directive 2003/87/EC shall be placed in and released from a separate section of the reserve established pursuant to Article 1 of this Decision, in accordance with the rules set out in this Article.
- 2. The placing of allowances in the reserve under this Article shall operate from 1 September 2028. The allowances covered by Chapter IVa of Directive 2003/87/EC shall be placed in, held in, and released from the reserve separately from the allowances covered by Article 1 of this Decision.
- 3. In 2027, the section referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be created in accordance with Article 30d(2), second subparagraph, of Directive 2003/87/EC. From 1 January 2031, the allowances referred to in that subparagraph that have not been released from the reserve shall no longer be valid.
- 4. The Commission shall publish the total number of allowances in circulation covered by Chapter IVa of Directive 2003/87/EC each year, by 1 June of the subsequent year, separately from the number of allowances in circulation under Article 1(4) of this Decision. The total number of allowances in circulation under this Article in a given year shall be the cumulative number of allowances covered by that Chapter issued in the period since 1 January 2027, minus the cumulative tonnes of verified emissions covered by that Chapter for the period between 1 January 2027 and 31 December of that same given year and any allowances covered by that Chapter cancelled in accordance with Article 12(4) of Directive 2003/87/EC. The first publication shall take place by 1 June 2028.
- 5. In any given year, if the total number of allowances in circulation, as set out in the most recent publication as referred to in paragraph 4 of this Article, is above 440 million allowances, 100 million allowances shall be deducted from the quantity of allowances covered by Chapter IVa of Directive 2003/87/EC to be auctioned by the Member States under Article 30d of that Directive and shall be placed in the reserve over a period of 12 months beginning on 1 September of that year.
- 6. In any given year, if the total number of allowances in circulation is lower than 210 million, 100 million allowances covered by Chapter IVa of Directive 2003/87/EC shall be released from the reserve and added to the quantity of allowances covered by that Chapter to be auctioned by the Member States under Article 30d of that Directive. Where fewer than 100 million allowances are in the reserve, all allowances in the reserve shall be released under this paragraph.
- 7. The volumes to be released from the reserve in accordance with Article 30h of Directive 2003/87/EC shall be added to the quantity of allowances covered by Chapter IVa of that Directive to be auctioned by the Member States under Article 30d of that Directive. The volumes to be released from the reserve shall be evenly distributed over a period of three months, starting no later than two months after the date on which the conditions were met according to the publication in that regard in the Official Journal of the European Union pursuant to Article 30h(8) of Directive 2003/87/EC.
- 8. Article 1(8) and Article 3 of this Decision shall apply to the allowances covered by Chapter IVa of Directive 2003/87/EC.
- 9. By way of derogation from paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of this Article, where one or both of the conditions referred to in Article 30k(1) of Directive 2003/87/EC are met, the placing of allowances in the reserve referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article shall operate from 1 September 2029 and the dates referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Article shall be put back by one year.';

(3) Article 3 is replaced by the following:

'Article 3

#### Review

The Commission shall monitor the functioning of the reserve in the context of the report provided for in Article 10(5) of Directive 2003/87/EC. That report should consider relevant effects on competitiveness, in particular in the industrial sector, including in relation to GDP, employment and investment indicators. Within three years of the start of the operation of the reserve and at five-year intervals thereafter, the Commission shall, on the basis of an analysis of the orderly functioning of the European carbon market, review the reserve and submit a legislative proposal, where appropriate, to the European Parliament and to the Council. Each review shall pay particular attention to the percentage figure for the determination of the number of allowances to be placed in the reserve pursuant to Article 1(5) of this Decision, the numerical value of the threshold for the total number of allowances in circulation, including with a view to a potential adjustment of that threshold in line with the linear factor referred to in Article 9 of Directive 2003/87/EC, as well as the number of allowances to be released from the reserve pursuant to Article 1(6) or (7) of this Decision. In its review, the Commission shall also look into the impact of the reserve on growth, jobs, and the Union's industrial competitiveness and on the risk of carbon leakage.'

#### Article 3

## Transposition

1. Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with Article 1 of this Directive by 31 December 2023. They shall apply those measures from 1 January 2024.

However, Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with the following articles by 30 June 2024:

- (a) Article 1, point (3), points (ae) to (ai), of this Directive;
- (b) Article 1, point (29), of this Directive with the exception of Article 30f(4) of Directive 2003/87/EC as inserted by that point; and
- (c) Article 1, point (31), of this Directive regarding Annexes III and IIIa to Directive 2003/87/EC as inserted by that point.

They shall immediately inform the Commission of the measures adopted in accordance with the first and second subparagraphs.

When Member States adopt those measures, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or shall be accompanied by such reference on the occasion of their official publication. The methods of making such reference shall be laid down by Member States.

2. Member States shall communicate to the Commission the text of the main measures of national law which they adopt in the field covered by this Directive.

# Article 4

# **Transitional provisions**

When complying with their obligation set out in Article 3(1) of this Directive, Member States shall ensure that their national legislation transposing Article 3, point (u), Article 10a(3) and (4), Article 10c(7) and Annex I, points 1 and 3, of Directive 2003/87/EC, in its version applicable on 4 June 2023, continue to apply until 31 December 2025. By way of derogation from Article 3(1), first subparagraph, last sentence, they shall apply their national measures transposing amendments to those provisions from 1 January 2026.

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# Article 5

# Entry into force and application

This Directive shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

Article 2 shall apply from 1 January 2024.

Article 6

Addressees

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Strasbourg, 10 May 2023.

For the European Parliament The President R. METSOLA For the Council The President J. ROSWALL

#### ANNEX

- (1) Annex I to Directive 2003/87/EC is amended as follows:
  - (a) point 1 is replaced by the following:

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- 1. Installations or parts of installations used for research, development and testing of new products and processes are not covered by this Directive. Installations where during the preceding relevant five-year period referred to in Article 11(1), second subparagraph, emissions from the combustion of biomass that complies with the criteria set out pursuant to Article 14 contribute on average to more than 95 % of the total average greenhouse gas emissions are not covered by this Directive.';
- (b) point 3 is replaced by the following:
  - '3. When the total rated thermal input of an installation is calculated in order to decide upon its inclusion in the EU ETS, the rated thermal inputs of all technical units which are part of it, in which fuels are combusted within the installation, shall be added together. Those units may include all types of boilers, burners, turbines, heaters, furnaces, incinerators, calciners, kilns, ovens, dryers, engines, fuel cells, chemical looping combustion units, flares, and thermal or catalytic post-combustion units. Units with a rated thermal input under 3 MW shall not be taken into account for the purposes of this calculation.';
- (c) the table is amended as follows:
  - the first row is replaced by the following:

exceeding a total of 20 tonnes per day

'Combustion of fuels in installations with a total rated thermal input exceeding 20 MW (except in installations for the incineration of hazardous or municipal waste)	Carbon dioxide'
From 1 January 2024, combustion of fuels in installations for the incineration of municipal waste with a total rated thermal input exceeding 20 MW, for the purposes of Articles 14 and 15.	
the second row is replaced by the following:	
Refining of oil, where combustion units with a total rated thermal input exceeding 20 MW are operated	Carbon dioxide'
the fifth row is replaced by the following:	
the fifth row is replaced by the following:	
the fifth row is replaced by the following:  Production of iron or steel (primary or secondary fusion) including continuous casting, with a capacity exceeding 2,5 tonnes per hour	Carbon dioxide'
Production of iron or steel (primary or secondary fusion) including continuous	Carbon dioxide'
Production of iron or steel (primary or secondary fusion) including continuous	Carbon dioxide'

'Drying or calcination of gypsum or production of plaster boards and other gypsum

products, with a production capacity of calcined gypsum or dried secondary gypsum

Carbon dioxide'

(vi) the eighteenth row is replaced by the follow	ving:
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'Production of carbon black involving the carbonisation of organic substances such	Carbon dioxide'
as oils, tars, cracker and distillation residues with a production capacity exceeding	
50 tonnes per day	

(vii) the twenty-fourth row is replaced by the following:

'Production of hydrogen (H <sub>2</sub> ) and synthesis gas with a production capacity exceeding	Carbon dioxide'
5 tonnes per day	l

(viii) the twenty-seventh row is replaced by the following:

under Directive 2009/31/EC, with the exclusion of those emissions covered by	Carbon dioxide'
another activity under this Directive	

(ix) the following row is added after the last new row, with a separation line in between:

'Maritime transport	Carbon dioxide
Maritime transport activities covered by Regulation (EU) 2015/757 with the exception of the maritime transport activities covered by Article 2(1a) and, until 31 December 2026, Article 2(1b) of that Regulation	From 1 January 2026, methane and nitrous oxide'

(2) Annex IIb to Directive 2003/87/EC is replaced by the following:

'ANNEX IIb

PART A

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FROM THE MODERNISATION FUND CORRESPONDING TO ARTICLE 10(1), THIRD SUBPARAGRAPH

	Share
Bulgaria	5,84 %
Czechia	15,59 %
Estonia	2,78 %
Croatia	3,14 %
Latvia	1,44 %
Lithuania	2,57 %
Hungary	7,12 %
Poland	43,41 %
Romania	11,98 %
Slovakia	6,13 %

# PART B

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FROM THE MODERNISATION FUND CORRESPONDING TO ARTICLE 10(1), FOURTH SUBPARAGRAPH

	Share
Bulgaria	4,9 %
Czechia	12,6 %
Estonia	2,1 %
Greece	10,1 %
Croatia	2,3 %
Latvia	1,0 %
Lithuania	1,9 %
Hungary	5,8 %
Poland	34,2 %
Portugal	8,6 %
Romania	9,7 %
Slovakia	4,8 %
Slovenia	2,0 %';

(3) The following Annexes are inserted as Annexes III and IIIa to Directive 2003/87/EC:

# 'ANNEX III

# **ACTIVITY COVERED BY CHAPTER IVa**

Activity	Greenhouse gases
Release for consumption of fuels which are used for combustion in the buildings, road transport and additional sectors. This activity shall not include:  (a) the release for consumption of fuels used in the activities listed in Annex I, except if used for combustion in the activities of transport of greenhouse gases for geological storage as set out in the table, row twenty seven, of that Annex or if used for combustion in installations excluded under Article 27a;  (b) the release for consumption of fuels for which the emission factor is zero;  (c) the release for consumption of hazardous or municipal waste used as fuel.	Carbon dioxide
The buildings and road transport sectors shall correspond to the following sources of emissions, defined in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories, with the necessary modifications to those definitions as follows:  (a) Combined Heat and Power Generation (CHP) (source category code 1A1a ii) and Heat Plants (source category code 1A1a iii), insofar as they produce heat for categories under points (c) and (d) of this paragraph, either directly or through district heating networks;	
<ul> <li>(b) Road Transportation (source category code 1A3b), excluding the use of agricultural vehicles on paved roads;</li> <li>(c) Commercial / Institutional (source category code 1A4a);</li> <li>(d) Residential (source category code 1A4b).</li> </ul>	

Activity	Greenhouse gases
Additional sectors shall correspond to the following sources of emissions, defined in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories:  (a) Energy Industries (source category code 1A1), excluding the categories defined under the second paragraph, point (a), of this Annex;  (b) Manufacturing Industries and Construction (source category code 1A2).	

#### ANNEX IIIa

#### ADJUSTMENT OF LINEAR REDUCTION FACTOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 30c(2)

- If the average emissions reported under Chapter IVa for the years 2024 to 2026 are more than 2 % higher compared to the value of the 2025 quantity defined in accordance with Article 30c(1), and if those differences are not due to the difference of less than 5 % between the emissions reported under Chapter IVa and the inventory data of 2025 Union greenhouse gas emissions from UNFCCC source categories for the sectors covered under Chapter IVa, the linear reduction factor shall be calculated by adjusting the linear reduction factor referred to in Article 30c(1).
- 2. The adjusted linear reduction factor in accordance with point 1 shall be determined as follows:

 $LRF_{adj} = 100\% * [MRV_{[2024-2026]} - (ESR_{[2024]} - 6*LRF_{[2024]} * ESR_{[2024]})] / (5*MRV_{[2024-2026]}), where,$ 

LRF<sub>adj</sub> is the adjusted linear reduction factor;

MRV<sub>[2024-2026]</sub> is the average of verified emissions under Chapter IVa for the years 2024 to 2026;

ESR<sub>[2024]</sub> is the value of 2024 emissions defined in accordance with Article 30c(1) for the sectors covered under Chapter IVa;

LRF[2024] is the linear reduction factor referred to in Article 30c(1).';

- (4) Annex IV to Directive 2003/87/EC is amended as follows:
  - (a) in Part A, the section 'Calculation' is amended as follows:
    - (i) in the third paragraph, the last sentence 'The emission factor for biomass shall be zero.' is replaced by the following:

The emission factor for biomass that complies with the sustainability criteria and greenhouse gas emission-saving criteria for the use of biomass established by Directive (EU) 2018/2001, with any necessary adjustments for application under this Directive, as set out in the implementing acts referred to in Article 14 of this Directive, shall be zero.';

(ii) the fifth paragraph is replaced by the following:

Default oxidation factors developed pursuant to Directive 2010/75/EU shall be used, unless the operator can demonstrate that activity-specific factors are more accurate.';

(b) in Part B, section 'Monitoring of carbon dioxide emissions', fourth paragraph, the last sentence 'The emission factor for biomass shall be zero.' is replaced by the following:

The emission factor for biomass that complies with the sustainability criteria and greenhouse gas emission-saving criteria for the use of biomass established by Directive (EU) 2018/2001, with any necessary adjustments for application under this Directive, as set out in the implementing acts referred to in Article 14 of this Directive, shall be zero.';

(c) the following part is added:

#### 'PART C

# Monitoring and reporting of emissions corresponding to the activity referred to in Annex III

Monitoring of emissions

Emissions shall be monitored by calculation.

Calculation

Emissions shall be calculated using the following formula:

Fuel released for consumption × emission factor

Fuel released for consumption shall include the quantity of fuel released for consumption by the regulated entity.

Default IPCC emission factors, taken from the 2006 IPCC Inventory Guidelines or subsequent updates of those Guidelines, shall be used unless fuel-specific emission factors identified by independent accredited laboratories using accepted analytical methods are more accurate.

A separate calculation shall be made for each regulated entity, and for each fuel.

Reporting of emissions

Each regulated entity shall include the following information in its report:

- A. Data identifying the regulated entity, including:
  - name of the regulated entity;
  - its address, including postcode and country;
  - type of the fuels it releases for consumption and its activities through which it releases the fuels for consumption, including the technology used;
  - address, telephone, fax and email details for a contact person; and
  - name of the owner of the regulated entity, and of any parent company.
- B. For each type of fuel released for consumption and which is used for combustion in the sectors referred to in Annex III, for which emissions are calculated:
  - quantity of fuel released for consumption;
  - emission factors;
  - total emissions;
  - end use(s) of the fuel released for consumption; and
  - uncertainty.

Member States shall take measures to coordinate reporting requirements with any existing reporting requirements in order to minimise the reporting burden on businesses.';

(5) In Annex V to Directive 2003/87/EC, the following part is added:

#### PART C

# Verification of emissions corresponding to the activity referred to in Annex III

General Principles

- 1. Emissions corresponding to the activity referred to in Annex III shall be subject to verification.
- 2. The verification process shall include consideration of the report pursuant to Article 14(3) and of monitoring during the preceding year. It shall address the reliability, credibility and accuracy of monitoring systems and the reported data and information relating to emissions, and in particular:
  - (a) the reported fuels released for consumption and related calculations;

- (b) the choice and the employment of emission factors;
- (c) the calculations leading to the determination of the overall emissions.
- Reported emissions may only be validated if reliable and credible data and information allow the emissions to be determined with a high degree of certainty. A high degree of certainty requires the regulated entity to show that:
  - (a) the reported data are free of inconsistencies;
  - (b) the collection of the data has been carried out in accordance with the applicable scientific standards; and
  - (c) the relevant records of the regulated entity are complete and consistent.
- The verifier shall be given access to all sites and information in relation to the subject of the verification.
- The verifier shall take into account whether the regulated entity is registered under the Union eco-management and audit scheme (EMAS).

Methodology

Strategic analysis

The verification shall be based on a strategic analysis of all the quantities of fuels released for consumption by the regulated entity. This requires the verifier to have an overview of all the activities through which the regulated entity is releasing the fuels for consumption and their significance for emissions.

Process analysis

- The verification of the data and information submitted shall, where appropriate, be carried out on the site of the regulated entity. The verifier shall use spot-checks to determine the reliability of the reported data and information. Risk analysis
- The verifier shall submit all the means through which the fuels are released for consumption by the regulated entity to an evaluation with regard to the reliability of the data on the overall emissions of the regulated entity.
- On the basis of this analysis the verifier shall explicitly identify any element with a high risk of error and other aspects of the monitoring and reporting procedure which are likely to contribute to errors in the determination of the overall emissions. This especially involves the calculations necessary to determine the level of the emissions from individual sources. Particular attention shall be given to those elements with a high risk of error and the abovementioned aspects of the monitoring procedure.
- 10. The verifier shall take into consideration any effective risk control methods applied by the regulated entity with a view to minimising the degree of uncertainty.

Report

11. The verifier shall prepare a report on the validation process stating whether the report pursuant to Article 14(3) is satisfactory. This report shall specify all issues relevant to the work carried out. A statement that the report pursuant to Article 14(3) is satisfactory may be made if, in the opinion of the verifier, the total emissions are not materially misstated.

Minimum competency requirement for the verifier

- 12. The verifier shall be independent of the regulated entity, carry out his or her activities in a sound and objective professional manner, and understand:
  - (a) the provisions of this Directive, as well as relevant standards and guidance adopted by the Commission pursuant to Article 14(1);

- (b) the legislative, regulatory, and administrative requirements relevant to the activities being verified; and
- (c) the generation of all information related to all the means through which the fuels are released for consumption by the regulated entity, in particular, relating to the collection, measurement, calculation and reporting of

# REGULATION (EU) 2023/957 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 10 May 2023

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amending Regulation (EU) 2015/757 in order to provide for the inclusion of maritime transport activities in the EU Emissions Trading System and for the monitoring, reporting and verification of emissions of additional greenhouse gases and emissions from additional ship types

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 192(1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

After transmission of the draft legislative act to the national parliaments,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee (1),

Having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions (2),

Acting in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure (3),

#### Whereas:

- (1) The Paris Agreement (4), adopted on 12 December 2015 under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) (the 'Paris Agreement'), entered into force on 4 November 2016. The Parties to the Paris Agreement have agreed to hold the increase in the global average temperature well below 2 °C above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1,5 °C above pre-industrial levels. That commitment has been reinforced with the adoption under the UNFCCC of the Glasgow Climate Pact on 13 November 2021, in which the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC, serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement, recognises that the impacts of climate change will be much lower at a temperature increase of 1,5 °C, compared with 2 °C, and resolves to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1,5 °C.
- (2) The urgency of the need to keep the Paris Agreement goal of 1,5 °C alive has become more significant following the findings of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in its Sixth Assessment Report that global warming can only be limited to 1,5 °C if strong and sustained reductions in global greenhouse gas emissions within this decade are immediately undertaken.
- (3) Tackling climate- and environmental-related challenges and reaching the objectives of the Paris Agreement are at the core of the communication of the Commission of 11 December 2019 on 'The European Green Deal' (the 'European Green Deal').
- (4) The European Green Deal combines a comprehensive set of mutually reinforcing measures and initiatives aimed at achieving climate neutrality in the Union by 2050, and sets out a new growth strategy that aims to transform the Union into a fair and prosperous society, with a modern, resource-efficient and competitive economy where economic growth is decoupled from resource use. It also aims to protect, conserve and enhance the Union's natural capital, and protect the health and well-being of citizens from environment-related risks and impacts. This transition

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ C 152, 6.4.2022, p. 175.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ C 301, 5.8.2022, p. 116.

<sup>(\*)</sup> Position of the European Parliament of 18 April 2023 (not yet published in the Official Journal) and decision of the Council of 25 April 2023.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 282, 19.10.2016, p. 4.

affects workers from various sectors differently. At the same time, that transition has gender equality aspects as well as a particular impact on some disadvantaged and vulnerable groups, such as older people, persons with disabilities, persons with a minority racial or ethnic background and low and lower-middle income individuals and households. It also imposes greater challenges on certain regions, in particular structurally disadvantaged and peripheral regions, as well as on islands. It must therefore be ensured that the transition is just and inclusive, leaving no one behind.

- (5) The necessity and the value of delivering on the European Green Deal have only grown in light of the very severe effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the health, the living and working conditions and the well-being of the Union's citizens. Those effects have shown that our society and our economy need to improve their resilience in relation to external shocks and act early to prevent or mitigate the effects of external shocks in a manner that is just and results in no one being left behind, including those at risk of energy poverty. European citizens continue to express strong views that this applies in particular to climate change.
- (6) The Union committed to reducing the Union's economy-wide net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55 % compared to 1990 levels by 2030 in the updated nationally determined contribution submitted to the UNFCCC Secretariat on 17 December 2020.
- (7) Through the adoption of Regulation (EU) 2021/1119 of the European Parliament and of the Council (3), the Union has enshrined in legislation the objective of economy-wide climate neutrality by 2050 at the latest and the aim of achieving negative emissions thereafter. That Regulation also establishes a binding Union domestic reduction target for net greenhouse gas emissions (emissions after deduction of removals) of at least 55 % compared to 1990 levels by 2030, and provides that the Commission is to endeavour to align all future draft measures or legislative proposals, including budgetary proposals, with the objectives of that Regulation and, in any case of non-alignment, provide the reasons for such non-alignment as part of the impact assessment accompanying those proposals.
- (8) All sectors of the economy need to contribute to achieving the emission reductions established by Regulation (EU) 2021/1119. Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (°) is therefore being amended to include maritime transport activities in the EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS) in order to ensure that those activities contribute their fair share to the increased climate objectives of the Union as well as to the objectives of the Paris Agreement. It is therefore also necessary to amend Regulation (EU) 2015/757 of the European Parliament and of the Council (°) to take into account the inclusion of maritime transport activities in the EU ETS.
- (9) Furthermore, to take into account the increased climate objectives of the Union as well as the objectives of the Paris Agreement, the scope of Regulation (EU) 2015/757 should be amended. A robust monitoring, reporting and verification system is a prerequisite for any market-based measure, efficiency standard or other relevant measure, whether applied at Union level or globally. While carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions represent the large majority of greenhouse gas emissions from maritime transport, methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) and nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O) emissions represent a relevant share of such emissions. The inclusion of CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions in Regulation (EU) 2015/757 would be beneficial for environmental integrity and incentivising good practices, and should apply from 2024. General cargo ships below 5 000 gross tonnage but not below 400 gross tonnage represent a significant share of greenhouse gas emissions of all general cargo ships. To increase the environmental effectiveness of the monitoring, reporting and

<sup>(5)</sup> Regulation (EU) 2021/1119 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 June 2021 establishing the framework for achieving climate neutrality and amending Regulations (EC) No 401/2009 and (EU) No 2018/1999 (European Climate Law') (OJ L 243, 9.7.2021, p. 1).

<sup>(6)</sup> 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 (OJ L 275, 25.10.2003, p. 32).

<sup>(7)</sup> Regulation (EU) 2015/757 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2015 on the monitoring, reporting and verification of carbon dioxide emissions from maritime transport, and amending Directive 2009/16/EC (OJ L 123, 19.5.2015, p. 55).

verification system, ensure a level-playing field and reduce the risk of circumvention, general cargo ships below 5 000 gross tonnage but not below 400 gross tonnage should be included in Regulation (EU) 2015/757 from 2025. Offshore ships emit a relevant share of greenhouse gas emissions. Therefore, that Regulation should also apply to offshore ships of 400 gross tonnage and above from 2025. The Commission should assess before 31 December 2024 whether additional ship types below 5 000 gross tonnage but not below 400 gross tonnage should be included in Regulation (EU) 2015/757.

- (10) Regulation (EU) 2015/757 should be amended to oblige companies to report aggregated emissions data at company level and submit such data to the administering authority responsible and to submit for approval to that authority their verified monitoring plans. When performing verification at company level, the verifier should not verify the emissions reports at ship level or the reports at ship level to be submitted where there is a change of company, as those reports at ship level will have been already verified. To ensure coherence in administration and enforcement, the entity responsible for compliance with Regulation (EU) 2015/757 should be the same as the entity responsible for compliance with Directive 2003/87/EC.
- (11) In order to ensure the effective functioning of the EU ETS at administrative level and to take into account the inclusion of CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions, as well as the inclusion of greenhouse gas emissions from offshore ships, within the scope of Regulation (EU) 2015/757, the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union should be delegated to the Commission in respect of the monitoring methods and rules and the reporting rules for emissions covered by Regulation (EU) 2015/757, as well as for any other relevant information set out in that Regulation, the rules for the approval of monitoring plans, and changes thereto, by the administering authorities responsible, the rules for the monitoring, reporting and submission of aggregated emissions data at company level and the rules for verification of aggregated emissions data at company level and for the issuance of verification reports in respect of aggregated emissions data at company level. It is of particular importance that the Commission carry out appropriate consultations during its preparatory work, including at expert level, and that those consultations be conducted in accordance with the principles laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-Making (8). In particular, to ensure equal participation in the preparation of delegated acts, the European Parliament and the Council receive all documents at the same time as Member States' experts, and their experts systematically have access to meetings of Commission expert groups dealing with the preparation of delegated acts.
- (12) Since the objectives of this Regulation, namely to provide for monitoring, reporting and verification rules that are necessary for an extension of the EU ETS to maritime transport activities and to provide for the monitoring, reporting and verification of emissions of additional greenhouse gases and emissions from additional ship types, cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States but can rather, by reason of its scale and effects, be better achieved at Union level, the Union may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty on European Union. In accordance with the principle of proportionality as set out in that Article, this Regulation does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve those objectives.
- (13) Regulation (EU) 2015/757 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

#### Article 1

# Amendments to Regulation (EU) 2015/757

Regulation (EU) 2015/757 is amended as follows:

(1) the title is replaced by the following:

'Regulation (EU) 2015/757 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2015 on the monitoring, reporting and verification of greenhouse gas emissions from maritime transport, and amending Directive 2009/16/EC';

- (2) throughout the Regulation, except in Article 2, Article 5(2) and Article 21(5) and Annexes I and II, the term 'CO<sub>2</sub>' is replaced by 'greenhouse gas' and any necessary grammatical changes are made;
- (3) Article 1 is replaced by the following:

'Article 1

# Subject matter

This Regulation lays down rules for the accurate monitoring, reporting and verification of greenhouse gas emissions and of other relevant information from ships arriving at, within or departing from ports under the jurisdiction of a Member State, in order to promote the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from maritime transport in a cost effective manner.';

- (4) in Article 2, paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:
  - '1. This Regulation applies to ships of 5 000 gross tonnage and above in respect of the greenhouse gas emissions released during their voyages for transporting for commercial purposes cargo or passengers from such ships' last port of call to a port of call under the jurisdiction of a Member State and from a port of call under the jurisdiction of a Member State to their next port of call, as well as within ports of call under the jurisdiction of a Member State.
  - 1a. From 1 January 2025, this Regulation shall also apply to general cargo ships below 5 000 gross tonnage but not below 400 gross tonnage in respect of the greenhouse gas emissions released during their voyages for transporting cargo for commercial purposes from their last port of call to a port of call under the jurisdiction of a Member State and from a port of call under the jurisdiction of a Member State to their next port of call, as well as within ports of call under the jurisdiction of a Member State, and to offshore ships below 5 000 gross tonnage but not below 400 gross tonnage in respect of the greenhouse gas emissions released during their voyages from their last port of call to a port of call under the jurisdiction of a Member State and from a port of call under the jurisdiction of a Member State to their next port of call, as well as within ports of call under the jurisdiction of a Member State.
  - 1b. From 1 January 2025, this Regulation shall apply to offshore ships of 5 000 gross tonnage and above in respect of the greenhouse gas emissions released during their voyages from their last port of call to a port of call under the jurisdiction of a Member State and from a port of call under the jurisdiction of a Member State to their next port of call, as well as within ports of call under the jurisdiction of a Member State.
  - 1c. The greenhouse gases covered by this Regulation are:
  - (a) carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>);
  - (b) with regard to emissions released from 2024 onwards, methane (CH<sub>4</sub>); and
  - (c) with regard to emissions released from 2024 onwards, nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O).

Where this Regulation refers to total aggregated emissions of greenhouse gases or total aggregated greenhouse gas emitted, it shall be understood as referring to the total aggregated amounts of each gas separately.';

- (5) Article 3 is amended as follows:
  - (a) points (a) to (d) are replaced by the following:
    - '(a) "greenhouse gas emissions" means the release of the greenhouse gases covered by this Regulation in accordance with Article 2(1c), first subparagraph, by ships;
    - (b) "port of call" means a port of call as defined in Article 3, point (z), of Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (\*);

- (c) "voyage" means any movement of a ship that originates from or terminates in a port of call;
- (d) "company" means the shipping company as defined in Article 3, point (w), of Directive 2003/87/EC;
- (\*) 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 (OJ L 275, 25.10.2003, p. 32).';
- (b) point (m) is replaced by the following:
  - '(m) "reporting period" means the period from 1 January until 31 December of any given year; for voyages starting and ending in two different years, the respective data shall be accounted under the year concerned;';
- (c) the following points are added:
  - '(p) "administering authority responsible" means the administering authority in respect of a shipping company referred to in Article 3gf of Directive 2003/87/EC;
  - (q) "aggregated emissions data at company level" means the sum of emissions of the greenhouse gases covered by Directive 2003/87/EC in relation to maritime transport activities in accordance with Annex I to that Directive and to be reported by a company under that Directive, in respect of all ships under its responsibility during the reporting period.';
- (6) in Article 4, the following paragraph is added:
  - '8. Companies shall report the aggregated emissions data at company level of the ships under their responsibility during a reporting period pursuant to Article 11a.';
- (7) in Article 5, paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:
  - $^{\circ}$ 2. The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 23 of this Regulation to amend Annexes I and II to this Regulation, in order to take into account the inclusion of CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions, as well as the inclusion of greenhouse gas emissions from offshore ships, within the scope of this Regulation, and amendments to Directive 2003/87/EC, as well as to align those Annexes with the implementing acts adopted under Article 14(1) of that Directive, with relevant international rules and with international and European standards. The Commission is also empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 23 of this Regulation to amend Annexes I and II to this Regulation in order to refine the elements of the monitoring methods set out therein, in the light of technological and scientific developments and in order to ensure the effective operation of the EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS) established pursuant to Directive 2003/87/EC.
  - By 1 October 2023, the Commission shall adopt the delegated acts to take into account the inclusion of  $CH_4$  and  $N_2O$  emissions, as well as the inclusion of greenhouse gas emissions from offshore ships, within the scope of this Regulation, as referred to in the first subparagraph of this paragraph. The methods for monitoring  $CH_4$  and  $N_2O$  emissions shall be based on the same principles as the methods for monitoring  $CO_2$  emissions as set out in Annex I to this Regulation, with any adjustments necessary to reflect the nature of the relevant greenhouse gas. The methods set out in Annex I to this Regulation and the rules set out in Annex II to this Regulation shall, where appropriate, be aligned with the methods and rules set out in a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the use of renewable and low-carbon fuels in maritime transport and amending Directive 2009/16/EC.;
- (8) Article 6 is amended as follows:
  - (a) in paragraph 3, point (b) is replaced by the following:
    - '(b) the name of the company and the address, telephone and email details of a contact person and the IMO unique company and registered owner identification number;';

- (b) paragraph 5 is replaced by the following:
  - '5. Companies shall use standardised monitoring plans based on templates, and they shall submit those plans using automated systems and data exchange formats. Those templates, including the technical rules for their uniform application, and the technical rules for their automatic submission, shall be determined by the Commission by means of implementing acts. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 24(2).';
- (c) the following paragraphs are added:
  - $^{\circ}$ 6. By 1 April 2024, companies shall, for each of their ships falling within the scope of this Regulation, submit to the administering authority responsible a monitoring plan that has been assessed as being in conformity with this Regulation by the verifier and that reflects the inclusion of  $CH_4$  and  $N_2O$  emissions within the scope of this Regulation.
  - 7. Notwithstanding paragraph 6, for ships falling within the scope of this Regulation for the first time after 1 January 2024, companies shall submit a monitoring plan in conformity with the requirements of this Regulation to the administering authority responsible without undue delay and no later than three months after each ship's first call in a port under the jurisdiction of a Member State.
  - 8. By 6 June 2025, the administering authorities responsible shall approve the monitoring plans submitted by companies in accordance with the rules laid down in the delegated acts adopted by the Commission pursuant to the third subparagraph of this paragraph. For ships falling within the scope of Directive 2003/87/EC for the first time after 1 January 2024, the administering authority responsible shall approve the submitted monitoring plan within four months of the ship's first call in a port under the jurisdiction of a Member State, in accordance with the rules laid down in the delegated acts adopted by the Commission pursuant to the third subparagraph of this paragraph.

By 1 October 2023, the Commission shall adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 23 to amend Articles 6 to 10 as regards the rules contained in those Articles for monitoring plans, to take into account the inclusion of  $CH_4$  and  $N_2O$  emissions, as well as the inclusion of greenhouse gas emissions from offshore ships, within the scope of this Regulation.

The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 23 to supplement this Regulation concerning rules for the approval of monitoring plans by the administering authorities responsible.';

- (9) Article 7 is amended as follows:
  - (a) paragraph 4 is replaced by the following:
    - '4. Modifications of the monitoring plan under paragraph 2, points (b), (c) and (d), of this Article shall be subject to assessment by the verifier in accordance with Article 13(1). Following the assessment, the verifier shall notify the company as to whether those modifications are in conformity. The company shall submit its modified monitoring plan to the administering authority responsible once it has received a notification from the verifier that the monitoring plan is in conformity.';
  - (b) the following paragraph is added:
    - '5. The administering authority responsible shall approve modifications of the monitoring plan under paragraph 2, points (a) to (d), in accordance with the rules laid down in the delegated acts adopted by the Commission pursuant to the second subparagraph of this paragraph.

The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 23 to supplement this Regulation concerning rules for the approval of changes in the monitoring plans by the administering authorities responsible.';

- (10) in Article 10, first paragraph, the following point is added:
  - '(k) total aggregated emissions of greenhouse gases covered by Directive 2003/87/EC in relation to maritime transport activities in accordance with Annex I to that Directive and to be reported under that Directive, together with the necessary information to justify the application of any relevant derogation from Article 12(3) of that Directive provided for in Article 12(3-e) to (3-b) thereof.';
- (11) Article 11 is amended as follows:
  - (a) in paragraph 1, the following subparagraph is added:

From 2025, by 31 March of each year, companies shall, for each ship under their responsibility, submit to the administering authority responsible, to the authorities of the flag States concerned for ships flying the flag of a Member State and to the Commission an emissions report for the entire reporting period of the previous year, which has been verified as satisfactory by a verifier in accordance with Article 13. The administering authority responsible may require companies to submit their emissions reports by a date earlier than 31 March, but not earlier than by 28 February.';

- (b) paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:
  - '2. Where there is a change of company, the previous company shall submit to the administering authority responsible, to the authorities of the flag States concerned for ships flying the flag of a Member State, to the new company and to the Commission, as close as practicable to the day of the completion of the change and no later than three months thereafter, a verified report covering the same elements as the emissions report referred to in paragraph 1, but limited to the period corresponding to the activities carried out under its responsibility.';
- (c) the following paragraph is added:
  - $^{4}$ 4. By 1 October 2023, the Commission shall adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 23 to amend Articles 11, 11a and 12 concerning the rules for reporting to take into account the inclusion of CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions, as well as the inclusion of greenhouse gas emissions from offshore ships, within the scope of this Regulation.';
- (12) the following article is inserted:

'Article 11a

# Reporting and submission of the aggregated emissions data at company level

- 1. Companies shall determine the aggregated emissions data at company level during a reporting period, based on the data of the emissions report and the report referred to in Article 11(2) for each ship that was under their responsibility during the reporting period, in accordance with the rules laid down in the delegated acts adopted pursuant to paragraph 4 of this Article.
- 2. From 2025, companies shall submit to the administering authority responsible by 31 March of each year the aggregated emissions data at company level that cover the emissions in the reporting period of the previous year to be reported under Directive 2003/87/EC in relation to maritime transport activities, in accordance with the rules laid down in the delegated acts adopted pursuant to paragraph 4 of this Article, and that have been verified in accordance with Chapter III of this Regulation.
- 3. The administering authority responsible may require companies to submit the verified aggregated emissions data at company level referred to in paragraph 2 by a date earlier than 31 March, but not earlier than by 28 February.
- 4. The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 23 to supplement this Regulation with the rules for the monitoring and reporting of the aggregated emissions data at company level and the submission of the aggregated emissions data at company level to the administering authority responsible.';

- (13) Article 12 is amended as follows:
  - (a) the title is replaced by the following:

'Format of the emissions report and reporting of aggregated emissions data at company level';

- (b) paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:
  - '1. The emissions report and the reporting of aggregated emissions data at company level shall be submitted using automated systems and data exchange formats, including electronic templates.';
- (14) Article 13 is amended as follows:
  - (a) paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:
    - '2. The verifier shall assess the conformity of the emissions report and the report referred to in Article 11(2) with the requirements laid down in Articles 8 to 12 and Annexes I and II.';
  - (b) the following paragraphs are added:
    - '5. The verifier shall assess the conformity of the aggregated emissions data at company level with the requirements laid down in the delegated acts adopted pursuant to paragraph 6.

Where the verifier concludes, with reasonable assurance, that the aggregated emissions data at company level are free from material misstatements, the verifier shall issue a verification report stating that the aggregated emissions data at company level have been verified as satisfactory in accordance with the rules laid down in the delegated acts adopted pursuant to paragraph 6.

- 6. The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 23 to supplement this Regulation with the rules for the verification of the aggregated emissions data at company level, including the verification methods and verification procedure, and the issuance of a verification report.';
- (15) Article 14 is amended as follows:
  - (a) in paragraph 2, point (d) is replaced by the following:
    - '(d) the calculations leading to the determination of the overall greenhouse gas emissions and of the total aggregated emissions of greenhouse gases covered by Directive 2003/87/EC in relation to maritime transport activities in accordance with Annex I to that Directive and to be reported under that Directive;';
  - (b) the following paragraph is added:
    - '4. When considering the verification of the aggregated emissions data at company level, the verifier shall assess the completeness of the reported data and the consistency of those reported data with the information provided by the company, including its verified emissions reports and reports referred to in Article 11(2).';
- (16) in Article 15, the following paragraph is added:
  - '6. In respect of the verification of aggregated emissions data at company level, the verifier and the company shall comply with the verification rules laid down in the delegated acts adopted pursuant to Article 13(6). The verifier shall not verify the emissions report and the report referred to in Article 11(2) of each ship under the responsibility of the company.';
- (17) in Article 16, paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:
  - '1. Verifiers that assess the monitoring plans, the emissions reports, the reports referred to in Article 11(2) of this Regulation and the aggregated emissions data at company level, and issue the verification reports referred to in Article 13(3) and (5) of this Regulation and documents of compliance referred to in Article 17(1) of this Regulation shall be accredited for activities within the scope of this Regulation by a national accreditation body pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 765/2008.';

- (18) Article 20 is amended as follows:
  - (a) paragraph 3 is replaced by the following:
    - '3. In the case of a ship that has failed to comply with the monitoring and reporting obligations for two or more consecutive reporting periods, and where other enforcement measures have failed to ensure compliance, the competent authority of the Member State of the port of entry may, after giving the opportunity to the company concerned to submit its observations, issue an expulsion order, which shall be notified to the Commission, the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA), the other Member States and the flag State concerned. As a result of the issuing of such an expulsion order, every Member State, with the exception of the Member State whose flag the ship is flying, shall refuse entry of the ship concerned into any of its ports until the company fulfils its monitoring and reporting obligations in accordance with Articles 11 and 18. Where such a ship flies the flag of a Member State and enters or is found in one of its ports, the Member State concerned shall, after giving the opportunity to the company concerned to submit its observations, detain the ship until the company fulfils its monitoring and reporting obligations.

Where a ship as referred to in the first subparagraph is found in one of the ports of the Member State whose flag the ship is flying, the Member State concerned may, after giving the opportunity to the company concerned to submit its observations, issue a flag State detention order until the company fulfils its monitoring and reporting obligations. It shall inform the Commission, EMSA and the other Member States thereof.

The fulfilment of those monitoring and reporting obligations shall be confirmed by the notification of a valid document of compliance to the competent national authority which issued the expulsion order. This paragraph shall be without prejudice to international maritime rules applicable in the case of ships in distress.';

(b) in paragraph 5, the following subparagraph is added:

'The possibility of derogating under the first subparagraph shall not apply to a Member State whose authority is the administering authority responsible.';

- (19) Article 21 is amended as follows:
  - (a) in paragraph 2, point (a) is replaced by the following:
    - '(a) the identity of the ship (name, company, IMO identification number and port of registry or home port);';
  - (b) paragraph 5 is replaced by the following:
    - '5. The Commission shall every two years assess the overall impact of maritime transport activities on the global climate, including through emissions or effects of greenhouse gases other than CO<sub>2</sub> and of particles with a global warming potential not covered by this Regulation.';
- (20) the following article is inserted:

'Article 22a

#### Review

The Commission shall, no later than 31 December 2024, review this Regulation, in particular taking into account further experience gained in its implementation, inter alia, for the purpose of including ships below 5 000 gross tonnage but not below 400 gross tonnage within the scope of this Regulation with a view to a possible subsequent inclusion of such ships within the scope of Directive 2003/87/EC or to proposing other measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from such ships. That review shall, where appropriate, be accompanied by a legislative proposal to amend this Regulation.';

- (21) Article 23 is amended as follows:
  - (a) paragraphs 2 and 3 are replaced by the following:
    - '2. The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in Article 5(2), Article 15(5) and Article 16(3) shall be conferred on the Commission for a period of five years from 1 July 2015.

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The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in Article 6(8), Article 7(5), Article 11(4), Article 11a(4) and Article 13(6) shall be conferred on the Commission for a period of five years from 5 June 2023.

The Commission shall draw up a report in respect of the delegation of power not later than nine months before the end of the respective five-year period. The delegation of power shall be tacitly extended for periods of an identical duration, unless the European Parliament or the Council opposes such extension not later than three months before the end of each period.

- The delegation of power referred to in Article 5(2), Article 6(8), Article 7(5), Article 11(4), Article 11a(4), Article 13(6), Article 15(5) and Article 16(3) may be revoked at any time by the European Parliament or by the Council. A decision to revoke shall put an end to the delegation of the power specified in that decision. It shall take effect the day following the publication of the decision in the Official Journal of the European Union or at a later date specified therein. It shall not affect the validity of any delegated acts already in force.';
- (b) paragraph 5 is replaced by the following:
  - A delegated act adopted pursuant to Article 5(2), Article 6(8), Article 7(5), Article 11(4), Article 11a(4), Article 13(6), Article 15(5) or Article 16(3) shall enter into force only if no objection has been expressed either by the European Parliament or by the Council within a period of two months of notification of that act to the European Parliament and the Council or if, before the expiry of that period, the European Parliament and the Council have both informed the Commission that they will not object. That period shall be extended by two months at the initiative of the European Parliament or of the Council.

However, the first subparagraph, last sentence, of this paragraph shall not apply to delegated acts adopted by 1 October 2023 pursuant to Article 5(2), second subparagraph, Article 6(8), second subparagraph, or Article 11(4).'.

#### Article 2

# Entry into force and application

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

It shall apply from 5 June 2023. However, Article 1, point (5)(a) and point (5)(b), of this Regulation, as regards Article 3, points (b), (d) and (m), of Regulation (EU) 2015/757, shall apply from 1 January 2024.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Strasbourg, 10 May 2023.

For the European Parliament For the Council The President The President R. METSOLA J. ROSWALL