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Council adopts decision clarifying provisions on the timing of auctions of greenhouse gas allowances

The Council today adopted¹ a decision amending the EU's emissions trading system directive ([directive 2003/87/EC](#)) by clarifying provisions on the timing of auctions of greenhouse gas allowances (*PE-CONS [114/13](#), [17307/13 ADD1](#)*).

The adaptation by the Commission of the timetable of auctions will require a prior impact assessment of the risks of carbon leakage for particular industrial sectors. Such an adaptation can take place only once, in exceptional circumstances and during the third trading period, beginning in 2013, and only for a maximum number of 900 million allowances.

For more information on the EU's emissions trading system see the Commission's [website](#).

¹ At a meeting of the Agriculture and Fisheries Council, without discussion. The Polish delegation voted against.

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