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to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Global price mechanisms in the ETS

The Commission states that the total amount of allowances available for free allocation in phase 4 is 6.3 billion, without any explanation as to how this number was reached. Maximum free allocation is arbitrarily set as a fixed share of the total cap, and reduced annually by a fixed percentage. The risk of such downscaling due to economic growth etc. may have a very strong effect on industry's willingness to invest in innovation and technology.

How has the Commission calculated that some 6.3 billion allowances will be available for free allocation in phase 4?

Has the Commission considered the exposure of a sector to global pricing mechanisms as a criterion for eligibility for the carbon leakage list, since this offers clear evidence of a sector's inability to pass on costs?