Poland Contests New EU Measures in 'Fit for 55' Package Concerning CO2 Emissions

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According to an announcement of the Polish Ministry of Climate and Environment, the Polish government has decided to contest two EU legislative acts related to CO2 emissions due to their flawed legal foundations. The acts are part of the Fit for 55 package aimed at strengthening the European Union's climate policy.

The first challenged act involves a Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) introducing charges for emissions on imported goods. The reason Poland has chosen to challenge the regulation is the improper legal basis and because it disagrees with the replacement of the unanimity principle with the principle of majority decision-making.

The second contested act amends the directive governing the greenhouse gas emissions trading system and sets up a market stability reserve. Such a directive has led to a shortage of emission allowances, resulting in higher prices. Additionally, the directive is criticized for violating energy solidarity principles, as stated by the Minister of Climate and Environment.

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