European Parliament backs a strong and predictable CBAM for fertilisers

Brussels, 16 September 2026: Fertilizers Europe welcomes the European Parliament's vote on the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), ensuring a balanced approach that keeps the scope of CBAM intact while providing a mechanism to assist sectors affected by exceptional market disturbances. The vote sends an important signal of regulatory stability to European industry and investors, while recognising the need to protect the competitiveness and resilience of European farmers.

"Members of the European Parliament have supported the well-balanced compromise adopted by the ENVI and ITRE Committees with respect to the proposed article 27a of the CBAM regulation, providing predictability and level playing field for European fertilizer industry" said Antoine Hoxha, Director General of Fertilizers Europe. *"This is an important signal for the EU CBAM sectors. Companies investing and producing in Europe need to have the certainty that the rules will remain stable and that CBAM will provide the carbon leakage protection it was designed to deliver."*

Plenary adopted its position for negotiations with Member States on proposed changes to the CBAM. The final compromise achieves three key objectives: Level playing field for EU CBAM sectors, regulatory certainty and the relief for downstream sectors, including farmers, in times of exceptional circumstances.

Antoine Hoxha said "*Members of the European Parliament managed to adopt a balanced solution. The final text maintains the predictability of CBAM while recognising that exceptional and unforeseen market circumstances may require targeted support for downstream sectors, including European farmers"*. He added *"The EU fertilizer industry fully supports measures that safeguard the competitiveness and resilience of EU farmers, ensuring that the cost of EU climate policies does not overly burden the agriculture value chain".*

"Maintaining fertilizers within CBAM is essential to ensure that European producers can compete on fairer terms with imports produced without comparable carbon constraints. A stable CBAM framework is also crucial for investment decisions, particularly as the European fertilizer industry undertakes capital-intensive investments to decarbonise its production" Hoxha stressed.

Fertilizers Europe now calls on the European Parliament, the Council and the European Commission to preserve this approach during the upcoming negotiations and ensure that the final legislation combines effective carbon leakage protection with appropriate support for sectors facing exceptional pressures.

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