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Emissions trading: Start of allowance allocation procedure for third trading period

Application deadline: 23 January 2012

The Federal Environment Agency (UBA) announced the deadline for applications to receive free emission allowances for the 2013-2020 third trading period in today's electronic issue of the Federal Gazette. Installation operators have until 23 January 2012 to submit their applications to the German Emissions Trading Authority (DEHSt) at UBA. The background for this was the entry-into-force of the Greenhouse Gas Emission Allowance Trading Act and the German Allocation Act 2020. The announcement of the deadline marks the start of the allocation procedure.

UBA expects some 2,000 applications for allocation of free emissions allowances from high-emissions industrial installations and the energy sector. Just as in the two previous trading periods, UBA will provide installation operators with the software necessary for the application. Use of this so-called form management system is obligatory, as is the electronic submission of the applications for allowance allocation.

Installation operators' eligibility for allocation of allowances lapses if applications are not submitted to the Federal Environment Agency by the 23 January 2012 deadline. After that date operators must purchase all the emission allowances they require. Separate regulations apply to new installations with emissions authorisation issued after 30 June 2011.

Sweeping harmonisation of the European emissions trading system will occur in the third trading period of 2013-2020. In addition to the common cap on greenhouse gas emissions, the same rules governing the allocation of free emission allowances will be in place for the first time in all EU Member States.

Further information and links

The DEHSt website will provide the following applications and information for installation operators and competent bodies:

Form Management System with user's guide and XML interface for convenient exchange of data

Multi-volume guidebook on the 2013-2020 allocation procedure

Guidance on scope of Greenhouse Gas Emission Allowance Trading Act

DEHSt is also hosting allocation procedure informational events for installation operators and experts on 2 and 11 November 2011 in Berlin. An information packet about the third trading period is now available on the Press Office area of the DEHSt homepage.

German Emissions Trading Authority (DEHSt)

The German Emissions Trading Authority at the Federal Environment Agency is the national authority entrusted with the implementation of emissions trading for stationary installations and for the aviation industry. Its mandate includes management of the allocation and issuance of emission allowances, revision of emissions reports and operation of the emissions trading registry. It is also in charge of the administration of the project-based mechanisms Joint Implementation and Clean Development Mechanism.

The Internet page is here: <http://www.dehst.de>

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