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> 27 May 2025 By email

Dear Charlie and Katie,

Linking the UK Emissions Trading Scheme with the EU Emission Trading System

I am writing on behalf of the UK Emissions Trading Group (ETG), which includes most of those subject to the UK ETS, to welcome the announcement on 19 May that the UK and the EU have agreed to proceed with the commitment in the Trade and Cooperation Agreement to "give serious consideration to linking their respective carbon pricing systems".

As you know, the ETG has been a strong advocate of linking over the years, and we look forward to working closely with HMG as negotiations proceed. We note with approval the rationale that linking will avoid unnecessary UK costs on administration of the EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM).

There will be many questions to be resolved, not least on the topics of "dynamic alignment" and the transition to the new arrangements. ETG has played an essential role in the ongoing evolution of the ETS scheme over the past three decades. We equally stand ready to continue to play this pro-active role in the implementation of linking.

We urge the UK and the EU to finalise the linking as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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