

Announcement of transitional measure: EU ETS registry system

As of today, 19 January 2011, 19:00 Central European Time, the European Commission will suspend transactions, except for allocation and surrender of allowances, in all EU ETS registries at least until 26 January 2011, 19:00 Central European Time.

This transitional measure is taken in view of recurring security breaches in national registries over the last two months. Following a first such security breach in early 2010 the Commission has worked closely with national authorities responsible for registries to ensure that adequate security measures are put in place in all registries. The incidents over the last weeks have underlined the urgent need for all registries to ensure that these measures are speedily implemented.

The Commission will make further announcements early next week and will work to ensure that this transitional measure can be lifted swiftly for all those registries with adequate security measures.

The Commission will proceed to determine together with national authorities what minimum security measures need to be put in place before the suspension of a registry can be lifted.