

THREE QUESTIONS ABOUT ETS

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A performance-based approach – choice still has to be made between clinker, cementitious products as the benchmarking criterion

(energy and downstream products have been excluded)

BENCHMARK BASED ON HISTORICAL EMISSIONS:

- Risk of unfairness for those who have taken early action
- Risk to be trapped if market grows

... preference for a performance based approach.

But a performance approach is based on historical specific emissions (CO₂ per tonne)

USE OF AUCTION REVENUES

CEMBUREAU is opposed to auctioning

Theoretically revenues should be used to reward best performance but

- reallocation of revenues from auctioning may not be efficient (see Danish example on energy tax)
- reallocation may be uncertain especially if left to Member States

we need CERTAINTY



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