

# EU ETS Implementation in EU 15 - Austria



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## Allocation process in Austria (1)



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- Ø Working groups on political and technical level since autumn 2003 to discuss emissions trading issues
- Ø Discussions on the draft legislation comparatively uncontroversial – allocation is the real issue!
- Ø Decision by government on draft law 10 February 2004, by first chamber of Parliament 24 March, process should be finished middle of April
- Ø Allocation process has been prepared thoroughly (data collection started in January 2003) – agreement on the need for reliable data
- Ø About 220 installations in Austria

## Allocation process in Austria (2)



**Most controversial issues in the allocation discussion:**

- Ø **Can production and economic growth be reflected in the allocation? If yes, how?**
- Ø **How to deal with new entrants (reserve)?**
- Ø **What is the correct legal form of the NAP and the binding allocation?**
- Ø **Is early action taken into account on a case by case basis? No, covered by growth**
- Ø **Which installations are covered? Interpretation according to Europ. Commission**

## Allocation process in Austria (3)



**Decision by the Council of Ministers on the cornerstones of the NAP:**

- Ø **Reduction of 1,05 Mio t CO<sub>2</sub> for the energy sector, 0,6 Mio t for the industrial sector compared to business as usual**
- Ø **Business as usual for most activities defined by studies of research institutes; to be verified on expert level**
- Ø **Reserve of 1,2 % of the total figure**
- Ø **Decision on range of allocation (between 32 and 34 Mio t CO<sub>2</sub>)**

## Allocation process in Austria (4)



- Ø **Presentation of the formula to activity representatives February 2004**
- Ø **Opportunity for comments (especially concerning new figures)**
- Ø **Installation figures sent out by mail to each installation owner; deadline for comments end of March**
- Ø **Public consultation on total figure and activity level figures (not installation details) from 24 to 31 March**
- Ø **We assume that by implementing the criteria of the Directive there is no overallocation**

## Allocation process in Austria (5)



- Ø **Plan on total and activity level sent to Commission on 31 March**
- Ø **Published on the web on 1 April**
- Ø **Activity level data will be finalised in the next days and notified to EC**

## Registry



- Ø Draft law provides for an adequate process for choosing the registry administrator – will be started as soon as legal basis is in force (early May)
- Ø Decision will be taken by the Environment Minister asap after this process
- Ø Independence of the registry important – there must be no relation to participants in the trading system
- Ø Public and private institutions interested in this function

## Further implementation issues



### Under preparation:

- Ø Ordinance on the qualification requirements of independent verifiers

### Planned:

- Ø Ordinance on monitoring, reporting and verification – issues not covered by EC Decision
- Ø Ordinance and individual decrees for final allocation
- Ø Ordinance on registry issues not covered by the EC Regulation

## More information



Ø **Homepage of the Austrian Environment Ministry: Direct link to the ET issues**

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