

Towards a set of principles for the use of border adjustment mechanisms: Implications for the EU's CBAM

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The Department of Economic and Business Science of Guglielmo Marconi University host the seminar of Prof. Mike Young (Institute for International Trade, The University of Adelaide). This seminar will present an overview of the Institute for International Trade's paper on opportunities to improve the EU's proposed Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism, click here to view it:

https://iit.adelaide.edu.au/ua/media/1873/iit-wp09-final-24052022-1.pdf

The EU's impending adoption of a carbon border adjustment measure (CBAM) on jurisdictions it deems to be non-compliant with its own emissions mitigation regime. Australia and a growing number of the EU's trading partners are likely to mount a legal challenge to it in the WTO. This paper offers a constructive approach to the issue. Specifically, it proposes a set of ten design principles for a global CBAM that would address the global environmental problem by disincentivising 'carbon leakage' (from countries/areas with strong mitigation regimes to less stringent jurisdictions) through ensuring flexibility in the design of mitigation regimes provided they have 'equivalent' results, or respect the UNFCCC principle of 'common but differentiated responsibility' for developing countries based on objective criteria. Based on these principles, and in the interest of finding acceptable global solutions, the paper offers some suggestions for how the EU's CBAM and emissions trading scheme could be improved.

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Introduction

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