# A New Dawn for Carbon Pricing

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# Carbon prices in the bloc could rise to almost €200 per ton by 2035

#### **EU** emissions allowance price



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# Carbon border pricing is coming soon



Source: BloombergNEF, ICE.

# Calculating carbon tariffs looks simple when you take national averages

Emission intensity of iron and steel sector by market in 2022, direct Scope 1 emissions

tCO2/t-steel



Source: BloombergNEF, European Commission. Note: Only includes direct Scope 1 emissions.

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# Preliminary calculations redraw the competitive map for commodities like steel

Carbon tariff on EU steel imports by country of origin in 2034

€/t-steel (real 2023)



Source: BloombergNEF. Note: Emissions and production costs estimated for basic oxygen furnace crude steel for 2022 and 2030 respectively. Does not deduct carbon costs paid in countries of origin. EU applies zero transport costs to German production cost estimates. Mainland China referred to as China.

# Are things really that straightforward?

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# Facility emissions vary within countries



Source: BloombergNEF, European Commission. Note: Steel plants shown by commissioning date.

# China has the most diverse fleet



Source: BloombergNEF, European Commission. Note: Steel plants shown by commissioning date.

China only exports a tiny share of the steel it makes

Source: Bloomberg

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# This throws the whole calculus into question

#### CBAM =

# embodied emissions x (effective EU carbon price - effective overseas carbon price)

Source: BloombergNEF. Note: Effective refers to carbon prices after accounting for free allocation or other compensation mechanisms.

# Solutions?

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#### Likely: EU will track circumvention and impose countermeasures

#### Unlikely: proposals to use company-wide emissions



# **Relative carbon prices are key**

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#### CBAM =

# embodied emissions x (effective EU carbon price - effective overseas carbon price)

Source: BloombergNEF. Note: Effective refers to carbon prices after accounting for free allocation or other compensation mechanisms.

# Tariffs are lower when goods have already been subject to a carbon price

Carbon tariff applied to EU steel imports minus CO2 price paid in country of origin, 2034

€/t-steel (real 2023)



Source: BloombergNEF. Note: Emissions and production costs estimated for basic oxygen furnace crude steel for 2022 and 2030 respectively. Does not deduct carbon costs paid in countries of origin. EU applies zero transport costs to German production cost estimates.

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# Europe is convincing others to price carbon at home

Source: Bloomberg

# But because EU leads on pricing...

#### Carbon-pricing programs by price and share of emissions covered



Share of market emissions covered

Carbon price (\$ per metric ton of CO2 equivalent)

Source: BloombergNEF, ICE. Note: Figure includes operational international and national carbon taxes and markets, including state-level measures in China, Canada and the US. Where available, tax rates are for current year. EU Emission Trading System prices are average over six months to May 24, 2024.

# ... emerging economies might struggle to make a dent

Carbon tariff applied to EU steel imports minus CO2 price paid in country of origin, 2034

€/t-steel (real 2023) Assumes China carbon price is €30 800 □Carbon price paid in country of origin 600 Carbon tariff minus local carbon price 400 Shipping cost Production and transport cost 200 0 UK China

Source: BloombergNEF. Note: Emissions and production costs estimated for basic oxygen furnace crude steel for 2022 and 2030 respectively. Does not deduct carbon costs paid in countries of origin. EU applies zero transport costs to German production cost estimates.

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#### Likely: financial support for decarbonizing industry in poorer countries

#### Unlikely: accounting for developmental status when crediting carbon pricing



# Copycat schemes: harmonization or fragmentation?

#### New UK levy to level carbon pricing

The UK is to implement a new import carbon pricing mechanism by 2027 to support the decarbonisation drive.

Australia's Carbon Leakage Review

**Exploring Border Carbon Adjustments for Canada** 

#### A BILL

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a fee on certain products imported into the United States based on the pollution intensity associated with the production of such products, and for other purposes.

Source: Government websites of the UK, Australia, Canada and the US. Image source: Bloomberg.

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#### Likely: lining up methodologies on how to measure emissions

#### Unlikely: global coordination on crediting carbon pricing



# A new chapter for the energy transition begins

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