

COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2017/1902**of 18 October 2017****amending Commission Regulation (EU) No 1031/2010 to align the auctioning of allowances with Decision (EU) 2015/1814 of the European Parliament and of the Council and to list an auction platform to be appointed by the United Kingdom****(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 October 2003 establishing a scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the Community and amending Council Directive 96/61/EC ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Articles 3d(3) and 10(4) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EU) No 1031/2010 ⁽²⁾ provides for rules on the timing, administration and other aspects of the auctioning of allowances under Directive 2003/87/EC. In particular, Regulation (EU) No 1031/2010 determines the volumes of allowances to be auctioned each year. Regulation (EU) No 1031/2010 thus ensures that the auctioning of allowances is a well functioning process. It is currently conducted by a common auction platform for 25 Member States and by a small number of opt-out platforms.
- (2) Pursuant to Decision (EU) 2015/1814 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽³⁾, a market stability reserve (the 'reserve') is to be established in 2018 and is to start operating from 1 January 2019. In accordance with the pre-defined rules of this Decision volumes of allowances are to be placed in or released from the reserve adjusting the volumes of allowances to be auctioned over a period of 12 months beginning on 1 September of a given year. That rules for the functioning of the reserve are necessary to address situations where the total number of allowances in circulation for the previous year, published by the Commission on 15 May of the given year, is outside a predefined range. In the first year of the reserve's operation, the first adjustment to the auction volumes is to be made from 1 January to 1 September 2019.
- (3) Decision (EU) 2015/1814 also provides that 900 million allowances originally planned to be reintroduced in 2019 and 2020, as determined by Commission Regulation (EU) No 176/2014 ⁽⁴⁾, are no longer to be auctioned but are to be placed in the reserve. Furthermore, Decision (EU) 2015/1814 provides that the allowances not allocated from the new entrant reserve, or those not allocated to installations because of their closure or partial cessation in accordance with Articles 10a(7), 10a(19) and 10a(20) of Directive 2003/87/EC, are to be placed in the reserve in 2020 rather than auctioned.
- (4) Pursuant to Decision (EU) 2015/1814, the auction calendars of the common auction platform and, where applicable, of opt-out auction platforms are to be adjusted to take account of the volume of allowances placed in or to be released from the reserve.
- (5) In view of providing clarity and certainty to market participants about the volumes of allowances to be auctioned within a period of at least 12 months, the changes to the auction calendar of a given year stemming from the application of Decision (EU) 2015/1814 should be made together with the determination and publication of the

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 275, 25.10.2003, p. 32.

⁽²⁾ Commission Regulation (EU) No 1031/2010 of 12 November 2010 on the timing, administration and other aspects of auctioning of greenhouse gas emission allowances pursuant to Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowances trading within the Community (OJ L 302, 18.11.2010, p. 1).

⁽³⁾ Decision (EU) 2015/1814 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 October 2015 concerning the establishment and operation of a market stability reserve for the Union greenhouse gas emission trading scheme and amending Directive 2003/87/EC (OJ L 264, 9.10.2015, p. 1).

⁽⁴⁾ Commission Regulation (EU) No 176/2014 of 25 February 2014 amending Regulation (EU) No 1031/2010 in particular to determine the volumes of greenhouse gas emission allowances to be auctioned in 2013-20 (OJ L 56, 26.2.2014, p. 11).

auction calendar of the subsequent year. Furthermore, in order to ensure a smooth implementation of the adjustments to the auction volumes, avoiding negative impacts on the auctions, market participants should be timely informed about the impact of Decision (EU) 2015/1814 on the auction volumes for the next 12 months. Accordingly, the relevant changes to the auction calendars of a given year and the auction calendars for the subsequent year should be published well in advance before 1 September of a given year when the relevant adjustments to the auction volumes will start to apply.

- (6) Articles 1(5) and 1(8) of Decision (EU) 2015/1814 contain derogations from the general rules for the functioning of the reserve concerning the 10 % of total quantity of allowances to be auctioned being distributed among some Member States for solidarity purposes pursuant to Article 10(2)(b) of Directive 2003/87/EC. Therefore, Member States' shares of allowances to be auctioned for any given year are to be established also in accordance with the provisions of the second subparagraph of Article 1(5) and of Article 1(8) of Decision (EU) 2015/1814 regarding the specific rules for determining Member States' shares contributing to the placement of allowances in the reserve until the end of 2025 and the subsequent release of allowances from the reserve.
- (7) Article 60(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1031/2010 provides a non-exhaustive list of non-confidential information to be published on the dedicated up-to-date auctioning web-site maintained by the auction platform concerned. The list of persons admitted to bid in the auctions should be deemed to constitute a non-confidential piece of information pertinent to the auctions on a given auction platform.
- (8) Regulation (EU) No 1031/2010 contains several inconsistencies stemming from previous amendments to that Regulation, which should be corrected. In particular, Article 10(3) should be amended to clarify that the calculation of the volume of allowances to be auctioned each year takes into account any adjustment pursuant to Articles 24 and 27 of Directive 2003/87/EC. Commission Regulation (EU) No 1143/2013 ⁽¹⁾ introduced in Regulation (EU) No 1031/2010 the rule that an entity may only be appointed as auction platform if it is authorised as a regulated market whose operator organises a secondary market in allowances or allowances derivatives. In order to ensure consistency with that rule, it is necessary to amend Articles 19, 20 and 35 of Regulation (EU) No 1031/2010.
- (9) In accordance with Article 30(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1031/2010, on 18 February 2011 the United Kingdom informed the Commission of its decision not to participate in the joint action as provided in Article 26(1) and (2) of that Regulation, and to appoint its own auction platform.
- (10) On 30 April 2012, the United Kingdom notified the Commission of its intention to appoint ICE Futures Europe ('ICE') as an auction platform referred to in Article 30(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1031/2010. The terms of appointment and the applicable conditions for ICE as auction platform for the United Kingdom for the period from 10 November 2012 until 9 November 2017 were introduced in Annex III to Regulation (EU) No 1031/2010 by Commission Regulation (EU) No 1042/2012 ⁽²⁾.
- (11) On 16 November 2016, the United Kingdom notified the Commission of its intention to appoint ICE Futures Europe ('ICE') as its second auction platform pursuant to in Article 30(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1031/2010. Under the notification, the terms and requirements of ICE's appointment remain the same as those notified on 30 April 2012 and the exchange rules of ICE applicable to the auctions have been amended to ensure compliance with the conditions and obligations for its listing in Annex III to Regulation (EU) No 1031/2010, in accordance with point 6 of the row on obligations of the table for Auction platforms appointed by the United Kingdom set out in that Annex. In addition, following a request from the Commission, the United Kingdom has provided further information and clarification supplementing the notification accordingly.
- (12) In order to ensure that the proposed appointment of ICE as the second United Kingdom auction platform referred to in Article 30(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1031/2010 and in particular that the exchange rules of ICE satisfy the requirements of that Regulation and are in conformity with the second subparagraph of Article 10(4) of Directive 2003/87/EC, it is appropriate to extend the conditions and obligations on ICE set out in Annex III to

⁽¹⁾ Commission Regulation (EU) No 1143/2013 of 13 November 2013 amending Regulation (EU) No 1031/2010 on the timing, administration and other aspects of auctioning of greenhouse gas emission allowances pursuant to Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowances trading within the Community in particular to list an auction platform to be appointed by Germany (OJ L 303, 14.11.2013, p. 10).

⁽²⁾ Commission Regulation (EU) No 1042/2012 of 7 November 2012 amending Regulation (EU) No 1031/2010 to list an auction platform to be appointed by the United Kingdom (OJ L 310, 9.11.2012, p. 19).

Regulation (EU) No 1031/2010 to the listing of ICE as the second United Kingdom opt-out auction platform with the adaptations necessary to ensure that their objective is achieved taking into account the specific terms of implementation provided in the applicable exchange rules of ICE.

- (13) Regulation (EU) No 1031/2010 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (14) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Climate Change Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EU) No 1031/2010 is amended as follows:

(1) Article 10 is amended as follows:

(a) paragraph 2 is amended as follows:

(i) the first and the second subparagraphs are replaced by the following:

‘2. The volume of allowances covered by Chapter III of Directive 2003/87/EC to be auctioned in 2013 and 2014 shall be the quantity of allowances determined pursuant to Articles 9 and 9a of that Directive for the calendar year concerned, less the allocation free of charge provided for in Articles 10a(7) and 11(2) of that Directive, less half of the total volume of any allowances auctioned in 2012.

The volume of allowances covered by Chapter III of Directive 2003/87/EC to be auctioned each calendar year in 2015-2018 shall be the quantity of allowances determined pursuant to Articles 9 and 9a of that Directive for the calendar year concerned, less the allocation free of charge provided for in Articles 10a(7) and 11(2) of that Directive.’;

(ii) the fifth subparagraph is replaced by the following:

‘The volume of allowances covered by Chapter III of Directive 2003/87/EC to be auctioned as from 2019 shall be the quantity of allowances established in accordance with Articles 10(1) and 10(1a) of that Directive.’;

(iii) the ninth subparagraph is replaced by the following:

‘Without prejudice to Decision (EU) 2015/1814 of the European Parliament and of the Council (*), the volume of allowances covered by Chapter III of Directive 2003/87/EC to be auctioned in the final year of each trading period shall take account of any cessation of operations of an installation pursuant to Article 10a(19) of that Directive, any adaptation of the level of free allocation pursuant to Article 10a(20) of that Directive and of allowances remaining in the reserve for new entrants provided for in Article 10a(7) of that Directive.’;

(*) Decision (EU) 2015/1814 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 October 2015 concerning the establishment and operation of a market stability reserve for the Union greenhouse gas emission trading scheme and amending Directive 2003/87/EC (OJ L 264, 9.10.2015, p. 1).’;

(b) paragraph 3 is replaced by the following:

‘3. The volume of allowances covered by Chapter III of Directive 2003/87/EC to be auctioned each calendar year as from 2013 shall be based on Annex I and on the Commission’s determination and publication pursuant to Article 10(1) of that Directive of the estimated amount of allowances to be auctioned or on the most recent amendment of the Commission’s original estimate as published by 31 January of the preceding year, taking into account Decision (EU) 2015/1814 where relevant and to the extent possible any transitional free allocations deducted or to be deducted from the quantity of allowances that a given Member State would otherwise auction pursuant to Article 10(2) of Directive 2003/87/EC as provided for in Article 10c(2) of that Directive, as well as any adjustment pursuant to Articles 24 and 27 of that Directive.

Without prejudice to Decision (EU) 2015/1814, any subsequent change to the volume of allowances to be auctioned in a given calendar year shall be accounted for in the volume of allowances to be auctioned in the subsequent calendar year.;

(c) paragraph 4 is replaced by the following:

‘4. Without prejudice to Article 10a(7) of Directive 2003/87/EC, for any given calendar year each Member State’s share of allowances to be auctioned covered by Chapter III of that Directive shall be the share determined pursuant to Article 10(2) of the same Directive, taking into account any transitional free allocation made by that Member State pursuant to Article 10c of Directive 2003/87/EC in that calendar year, any allowances to be auctioned by that Member State in the same calendar year pursuant to Article 24 of that Directive, as well as the allowances to be placed in or released from the market stability reserve pursuant to the second subparagraph of Article 1(5) and to Article 1(8) of Decision (EU) 2015/1814.’;

(2) in Article 11, paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

‘1. The auction platforms appointed pursuant to Article 26(1) or (2) of this Regulation shall determine and publish the bidding windows, individual volumes, auction dates as well as the auctioned product, payment and delivery dates of the allowances covered by Chapter III of Directive 2003/87/EC to be auctioned in individual auctions each calendar year, by 30 June of the previous year or as soon as practicable thereafter, having previously consulted the Commission and obtained its opinion thereon. The auction platforms concerned shall take the utmost account of the Commission’s opinion.’;

(3) in Article 14, paragraph 1 is amended as follows:

(a) point (k) is replaced by the following:

‘(k) the necessity for an auction platform to avoid conducting an auction in breach of this Regulation or Directive 2003/87/EC’;

(b) the following point (l) is added:

‘(l) adjustments necessary pursuant to Decision (EU) 2015/1814 which shall be determined and published by 15 July of the given year, or as soon as practicable thereafter.’;

(4) Article 19 is amended as follows:

(a) paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

‘1. Members or participants of the secondary market organised by an auction platform appointed pursuant to Article 26(1) or 30(1) that are eligible persons pursuant to Article 18(1) or (2) shall be admitted to bid directly in the auctions conducted by that auction platform without any further admission requirements, provided that all of the following conditions are fulfilled:

(a) the requirements for admission of the member or participant to trade allowances through the secondary market organised by the auction platform appointed pursuant to Article 26(1) or 30(1) are no less stringent than those listed under paragraph 2 of this Article;

(b) the auction platform appointed pursuant to Article 26(1) or 30(1) receives any additional information necessary to verify the fulfilment of any requirements referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article that have not been previously verified.’;

(b) in paragraph 2, the second subparagraph is deleted;

(5) in Article 20(1), the second subparagraph is replaced by the following:

‘Members or participants in the secondary market organised by the auction platform concerned fulfilling the requirements of Article 19(1) shall be admitted to bid without applying under the first subparagraph of this paragraph.’;

(6) in Article 30(6), point (b) is replaced by the following:

‘(b) the detailed operative rules that would govern the auction process to be conducted by the auction platform(s) it proposes to appoint, including the contractual provisions concerning the appointment of the auction platform concerned including any clearing system(s) and settlement system(s) connected to the proposed auction platform stipulating the terms and conditions governing the structure and level of fees, collateral management, payment and delivery;’;

(7) Article 32 is amended as follows:

(a) paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

‘1. The volume of allowances covered by Chapter III of Directive 2003/87/EC auctioned in individual auctions conducted by an auction platform appointed pursuant to Article 30(1) or (2) of this Regulation shall be no greater than 20 million allowances and no less than 3,5 million allowances; save where the total volume of allowances, covered by Chapter III of Directive 2003/87/EC, to be auctioned by the appointing Member State is less than 3,5 million in a given calendar year, in which case the allowances shall be auctioned in a single auction per calendar year. However, the volume of allowances covered by Chapter III of Directive 2003/87/EC auctioned in an individual auction conducted by those auction platforms shall be no less than 1,5 million allowances in the respective periods of 12 months when a number of allowances is to be deducted from the volume of allowances to be auctioned pursuant to Article 1(5) of Decision (EU) 2015/1814.’

(b) in paragraph 4, the first subparagraph is replaced by the following:

‘4. The auction platforms appointed pursuant to Article 30(1) or (2) of this Regulation shall determine and publish the bidding windows, individual volumes, auction dates as well as the auctioned product, payment and delivery dates of the allowances to be auctioned in individual auctions each year, covered by Chapter II of Directive 2003/87/EC, by 31 October of the previous year or as soon as practicable thereafter, and for those covered by Chapter III of that Directive, by 15 July of the previous year or as soon as practicable thereafter. The auction platforms concerned shall make their determination and publication only after the determination and publication pursuant to Articles 11(1) and 13(1) of this Regulation by the auction platforms appointed pursuant to Article 26(1) or (2) of this Regulation, unless such an auction platform has not yet been appointed. The auction platforms concerned shall make their determination and publication only after having consulted the Commission and obtained its opinion thereon. The auction platforms concerned shall take the utmost account of the Commission’s opinion.’

(8) in Article 35, paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

‘1. Auctions shall only be conducted on an auction platform authorised as a regulated market whose operator organises a secondary market in allowances or allowances derivatives.’;

(9) in Article 60(1), the first subparagraph is replaced by the following:

‘1. All legislation, guidance, instructions, forms, documents, announcements, including the auction calendar, any other non-confidential information pertinent to the auctions on a given auction platform, including the list of persons admitted to bid in the auctions, any decision, including any decision pursuant to Article 57, to impose a maximum bid-size and any other remedial measures necessary to mitigate an actual or potential discernible risk of money-laundering, terrorist financing, criminal activity or market abuse on that auction platform, shall be published on a dedicated up-to-date auctioning web-site maintained by the auction platform concerned.’;

(10) Annex III is amended in accordance with Annex I to this Regulation;

(11) Annex IV is replaced by the text in Annex II to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 18 October 2017.

For the Commission
The President
Jean-Claude JUNCKER

ANNEX I

In Annex III of Regulation (EU) No 1031/2010, the following part 4 is added:

'Auction platforms appointed by the United Kingdom		
4	Auction platform	ICE Futures Europe (ICE)
	Legal Basis	Article 30(1)
	Term of appointment	From 10 November 2017 at the earliest until 9 November 2022 at the latest without prejudice to the second subparagraph of Article 30(5).
	Definitions	<p>For the purposes of the condition and obligations applying to ICE the following definitions shall apply:</p> <p>(a) 'ICE exchange rules' — means ICE Regulations, including in particular contract rules and procedures relating to the ICE FUTURES EUA AUCTION CONTRACT and the ICE FUTURES EUAA AUCTION CONTRACT;</p> <p>(b) 'exchange member' — means a member as defined in Section A.1 of ICE exchange rules;</p> <p>(c) 'client' — means a client of an exchange member, as well as clients of their clients down the chain, who facilitate the admission of persons to bid and act on behalf of bidders.</p>
	Conditions	Admission to the auctions shall not be dependent on becoming an exchange member of or a participant in the secondary market organised by ICE or of any other trading place operated by ICE or by any third party.
	Obligations	<p>1. ICE shall require that any decisions that have been taken by ICE's exchange members or their clients with respect to granting admission to bid in the auctions, revoking or suspending such admission, regardless of whether the decision is taken with regard to an admission to bid in the auction only or to an admission to bid in the auctions and also become a member of or participant in the secondary market, be communicated to ICE by the exchange members or their clients taking such decisions in the following way:</p> <p>(a) in case of decisions refusing to grant admission to bid and decisions revoking or suspending access to auctions, on an individual basis without delay;</p> <p>(b) in case of other decisions, upon request.</p> <p>ICE shall ensure that any such decisions may be subject to examination by ICE with regard to their compliance with the obligations incumbent upon the auction platform under Regulation (EU) No 1031/2010, and that ICE's exchange members or their clients abide by the results of any such examination by ICE. This may include, but not be limited to, recourse to any applicable ICE exchange rules, including disciplinary procedures, or any other action as appropriate to facilitate admission to bid in the auctions.</p> <p>2. ICE shall draw up and maintain on its webpage a comprehensive and up-to-date list of exchange members or their clients that are eligible to facilitate admission to bid in the United Kingdom's auctions on ICE, and such list shall include auction only access providers as set out in the ICE exchange rules, and exchange members or their clients providing admission to bid in the auctions to persons who may also be members of or participants in the secondary market.</p> <p>In addition, ICE shall draw up and maintain on its webpage a readily comprehensible practical guidance informing SMEs and small emitters of the steps they need to take to access the auctions through such exchange members or their clients.</p>

		<p>3. All fees and conditions applied by ICE and its clearing system to persons admitted to bid or bidders shall be clearly stated, easily understandable and publicly available on ICE's webpage, which shall be kept up-to-date.</p> <p>ICE shall provide that where additional fees and conditions are applied by an exchange member or its client, for admission to bid, such fees and conditions shall also be clearly stated, easily understandable and publicly available on the webpages of those offering the services with direct references to those webpages available on ICE's webpage, distinguishing between fees and conditions which are being applied to persons admitted to bid only in the auctions, if these are available, from fees and conditions applied to persons admitted to bid in the auctions who are also a member of or participant in the secondary market.</p> <p>4. Without prejudice to other legal remedies, ICE shall provide for the availability of the ICE Complaints Resolution Procedures for complaints which may arise in connection with decisions on granting admission to bid in the auctions, refusing to grant admission to bid in the auctions, revoking or suspending admissions to bid in the auctions already granted as more specifically referred to in point 1, taken by ICE's exchange members or their clients, and all such complaints shall be eligible complaints for the purposes of ICE Complaints Resolution Procedures.</p> <p>5. Within six months after the start of the auctions, ICE shall report to the auction monitor, on the coverage obtained under its cooperation model with exchange members and their clients, including the level of geographic coverage obtained. ICE shall take the utmost account of any recommendations provided by the auction monitor, in this regard so as to ensure fulfilment of its obligations under points (a) and (b) of Article 35(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1031/2010.</p> <p>6. ICE shall ensure full compliance with the condition and obligations for its listing which are set out in this Annex.</p> <p>7. The United Kingdom shall notify the Commission of any substantive changes in the contractual arrangements with ICE notified to the Commission.'</p>
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ANNEX II

'ANNEX IV

Adjustments to the volumes of allowances (in million) to be auctioned in 2013-2020 referred to in Article 10(2)

Year	Volume of reduction
2013	
2014	400
2015	300
2016	200
2017	
2018	
2019	
2020'	