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Carbon Markets Editorial

Watchlist 2024: Global Compliance Markets

APAC - Europe - United States

Editor - picks for the top, must - watch
developments in carbon credit
pricing.

South Korea: Addressing Carbon Market Volatility

The South Korean carbon market's volatility is expected to continue, influenced by a small group of key players and the introduction of ETNs and ETFs, which may affect compliance credit prices and lead to greater price fluctuations.

Australia Convergence in Cost-Effective Carbon Credit Prices

In Australia, the reformed Safeguard Mechanism is expected to lead to a price convergence of cost-effective carbon credits, despite a significant issuance and a decline in demand.

New Zealand Market Awaits Key Government Decision on Supply

The New Zealand ETS's demand stimulus depends on the government's decision to cut auction volumes by September, with a large supply raising the risk of June auction failure.

EU ETS Carbon Prices Down, Down, Down

The price of EU carbon allowances has decreased significantly, influenced by the shift from coal to natural gas, which has led to lower carbon emissions and a drop in natural gas prices. Also, the EU's policy interventions have increased EUA supply to support industry post-energy crisis, with an expected tightening of supply later on.

What's this Carbon Border Tax Adjustment?

From 2023 to 2026, the EU's CBAM requires importers to report carbon emissions without payment, impacting trade and prompting countries to develop similar decarbonization strategies.

EU Goes to Vote, Too

The potential rise of a right-wing majority in the EU Parliament after June's vote could challenge existing climate goals, including legislated emissions reductions for 2030 and proposed targets for 2040.

Washington in Limbo Ahead of Ballot Vote

As the program enters its second year, efforts are underway to link Washington's carbon market with the existing California-Quebec market, while the future of the program hinges on a November ballot measure (Initiative 2117) that could repeal it.

NYCI Designers Aim to Balance Linkage & RGGI

New York is preparing to introduce a cap-and-invest regulation by 2025, with goals to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions and the possibility of linking with other states' carbon markets, while considering its long-standing participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

CARB Explores CO2 Reductions Targets

The California Air Resources Board is revising the state's cap-and-trade program to align with legislative goals for emissions reductions of 40%, 48%, and 55%, and to review the distribution of allowances and cost containment measures.