

*Draft of Early Day Motion on upstream reform of the EU
Emissions Trading System*

UPSTREAM REFORM OF THE EU EMISSIONS TRADING SYSTEM

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That this House recognizes that it is simpler, cheaper and more effective to control emissions of carbon dioxide ‘upstream’ at the relative handful of places where coal, oil and gas are extracted from the ground than further ‘downstream’ at the much larger number of emissions-producing businesses or people; notes that similar principles apply to other industrial greenhouse gases; notes that upstream reform of the EU Emissions Trading System, as proposed by the Kyoto2 Support Group (K2S), would bring several benefits including control over 100% of emissions of carbon dioxide in the EU instead of less than 50% as the system is now, much more effective control of emissions, raising the price of emissions with consequent benefits in driving innovation and the development of an efficient low-carbon economy, providing a level playing field for businesses in the EU competing with businesses operating in regions with laxer controls, solving the problem of import emissions and the problem of how to control emissions from international aviation and shipping, and providing a model and incentive for the adoption of upstream controls in other parts of the world; and calls on the Government to work with other countries in the EU and with the European Commission to introduce upstream reform of the EU Emissions Trading System.