

Securing consistent inclusion of all power cables containing aluminium or steel under CN 8544 into CBAM to preserve the future of the European cable industry

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Europacable welcomes amendment 83 of the European Parliament's negotiating position which completes the downstream extension of CBAM to wires and power cables containing aluminium or steel with five additional codes under CN 8544. This reinforces the initial proposal by the European Commission, supported by the Council of the EU in their General Approach. In view of the upcoming trilogue meetings, Europacable strongly urges EU co-legislators to adopt the Parliament's amendment. This will preserve the European cable systems industry from unfair competition and circumvention practices.

Aluminium power cables are a key technology to empower Europe's decarbonisation: 90% of power distribution cables and 70% of land transmission cables have an aluminium conductor. These cables are critical, strategic net-zero technologies, which are crucial for Europe and its Member States to meet their decarbonisation targets by 2050, and to guarantee Europe's energy independence, security, resilience and strategic autonomy.

In its adopted amendment n. 83 of 15 September 2026, the Parliament proposed to complete the list of sub-codes for wires and power cables under CN 8544 to be integrated, as initially proposed by the Commission and confirmed by the Council. Including these additional five sub-codes will facilitate the mission of customs offices and thus reduce the risk of circumvention by abusing incorrect codes:

- **8544 19 00** – Insulated (including enamelled or anodised) wire, cable (including coaxial cable) and other insulated electric conductors, whether or not fitted with connectors; optical fibre cables, made up of individually sheathed fibres, whether or not assembled with electric conductors or fitted with connectors
- **8544 20 00** - Coaxial cable and other coaxial electric conductors, insulated
- **8544 30 00** - Ignition wiring sets and other wiring sets for vehicles, aircraft or ships
- **8544 42 10** - Electric conductors of a kind used for telecommunications, for a voltage ≤ 1.000 V, insulated, fitted with connectors, n.e.s.
- **8544 42 90** - Electric conductors, for a voltage ≤ 1.000 V, insulated, fitted with connectors, n.e.s. (other than of a kind used for telecommunications)

In the perspective of the upcoming trilogue negotiations, Europacable, the voice of Europe's leading cable systems manufacturers, urges EU co-legislators to agree on such an expanded list, which will cover the most sensitive power and telecommunication cables.

Although optical fibre cables (8544 70 00) have not been considered, this would be aligned with our demand since the inception of the CBAM. Ideally, **the inclusion of all wires and cables (i.e. all codes under CN 8544) containing steel or aluminium would completely protect the European cable systems industry** from the risk of unfair competition and circumvention.

We are committed to work with the EU institutions to promote Europe's decarbonisation, energy security and strategic autonomy with cabling systems made in Europe for Europe.

About Europacable

Europacable is the voice of Europe's leading wire and cable producers. High-quality, sustainable power and telecommunication cables, produced by our members in Europe, empower the electrification and digitalisation of our societies. Founded in 1991, Europacable represents the largest cable makers in the world providing global technology leadership, as well as highly specialized small- and medium sized businesses from across Europe. With our future being ever more electrified and digitalised, cable technology will be the core backbone of Europe's energy and telecommunication infrastructures. Sustainable, low-carbon manufacturing and high-performance cables are essential to achieve Europe's climate neutrality objectives by 2050. Europacable is committed to the principles of free enterprise and fair trade. Our members employ over 80.000 people of which more than 50% in Europe, generating a worldwide turnover over € 70 billion in 2025. Europacable is a member of CurrentOS, Orgalim, RGI, WindEurope and a partner of CENELEC and EUEW. Europacable is listed in the European Commission's Transparency Register under 453103789-92. www.europacable.eu

Annex I: European Parliament's negotiating position on Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism: extension of its scope to downstream goods and anti-circumvention measures

Amendment 83

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – paragraph 1 – point 1 – tables

Regulation (EU) 2023/956

Annex I – point 2 – tables – new CN codes

<i>Text proposed by the Commission</i>	
CN code	Greenhouse gas
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8544 19 00 – Insulated (including enamelled or anodised) wire, cable (including coaxial cable) and other insulated electric conductors, whether or not fitted with connectors; optical fibre cables, made up of individually sheathed fibres, whether or not assembled with electric conductors or fitted with connectors	Carbon dioxide
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