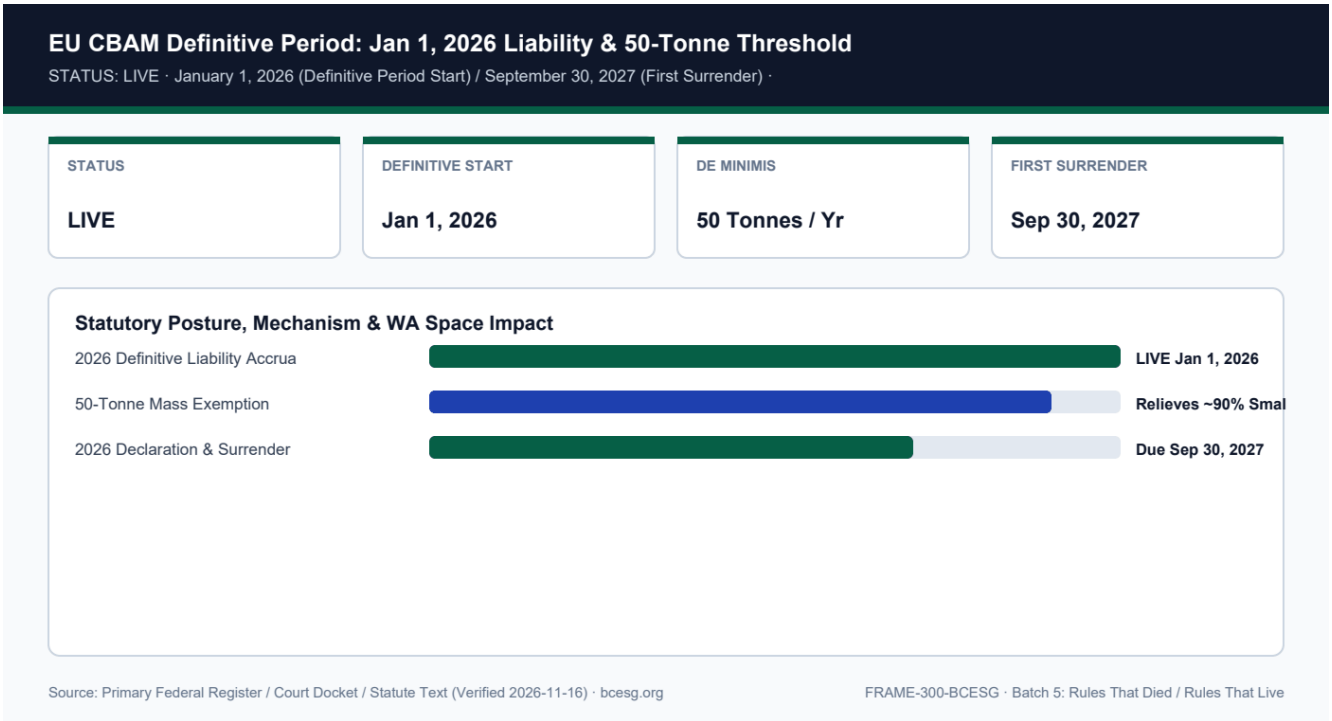
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# EU CBAM Definitive Period (Regulation (EU) 2025/2083): LIVE — Financial Liability Active Since Jan 1, 2026

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**Rule:** EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM, Regulation (EU) 2023/956 & 2025/2083) | **Status:** LIVE | **Instrument:** Regulation (EU) 2025/2083 (in force Oct 20, 2025) & Definitive Period (Jan 1, 2026) | **Date:** January 1, 2026 (Definitive Period Start) / September 30, 2027 (First Surrender)

**Verdict & Proof:** The EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) definitive period is LIVE as of January 1, 2026. Under Omnibus Regulation (EU) 2025/2083, importers exceeding 50 tonnes/year of covered goods (steel, aluminum, etc.) accrue financial carbon liability on 2026 EU imports, with first certificate surrender due September 30, 2027.




| CBAM Milestone | Date | Rule |
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| Omnibus Simplification (2025/2083) | Oct 20, 2025 | Set 50-tonne annual de minimis threshold |
| Definitive Period Start | Jan 1, 2026 | Embedded carbon liability begins accruing |
| First Annual Surrender (2026 Imports) | Sep 30, 2027 | Authorized declarants surrender CBAM certificates |

## Who Owes What by When: Steel & Aluminum Exports to EU Primes

On January 1, 2026, EU CBAM transitioned from its 2023–2025 transitional phase into its definitive financial period. Regulation (EU) 2025/2083 replaced the €150 consignment rule with a 50-tonne annual net mass de minimis exemption per importer.

Washington specialty-metals, aluminum-extrusion, and fastener suppliers shipping >=50 tonnes/year into EU aerospace customers (or feeding EU-bound prime assemblies) face embedded-emissions data requests for 2026 shipments ahead of the September 30, 2027 certificate surrender.

## Verified Primary Sources & Internal Bridges

• EUR-Lex: EU CBAM Regulation (CELEX 32023R0956): https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32023R0956