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HET REGISTERSYSTEEM VOOR BROEIKASGASSEN

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A greenhouse gas registry is a standardised and secured database developed to manage greenhouse gas emissions, to hold allowances or Kyoto units and to facilitate the trading of these allowances and units. A registry has to operate in accordance with the provisions of the Kyoto Protocol, European regulations and directives and Belgian climate change agreements (e.g. the Belgian burden sharing). From the 1st of January 2005 the European registry system allows operators falling under the applicative field of the EU Emission Trading Directive to achieve greenhouse gas reductions by either investing in energy efficiency, acquiring European allowances or so called certified emission reduction units from Clean Development Mechanism projects. From the 1st of January on the registry will allow the Kyoto Protocol to start operating and will facilitate the emission trading between parties to that Protocol. Greenhouse gas registries are therefore a vital part of climate change policies. This article elaborates on the legal and practical experiences of starting up such a registry in Belgium.

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