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Joint Briefing Session Held to Strengthen Response Capabilities in Preparation for the Full Implementation of the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM)

- 4th joint government briefing session held with attendance of over 150 employees from CBAM-responding companies
- Outstanding CBAM-responding SME presented its current response status and future strategies

On October 17, the government held the 4th joint government briefing session for 2025 at the Hotel Interciti (Daejeon), together with related ministries (the Ministry of SMEs and Startups; the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy; the Ministry of Climate, Energy and Environment; and the Korea Customs Service) and relevant organizations, to strengthen response capabilities to the European Union (EU)'s Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM).

This briefing focused on strengthening the response capabilities of Korean companies so that they can independently carry out tasks such as calculating and reporting carbon emissions, through in-depth analysis of CBAM regulations, methods for calculating carbon emissions, instructions for completing reporting forms, outstanding CBAM response cases, and the results of related support programs.

In the “In-depth Analysis of CBAM Regulations” session, detailed guidance

was provided on how Korean companies' response strategies would change under the recently amended CBAM regulations. In the "Outstanding CBAM Response Cases" session, an SME exporting to the EU introduced its current CBAM response measures, including its method for calculating carbon emissions, and presented plans to adopt automatic carbon emission calculation software as a future response strategy.

In addition to the joint briefing sessions, the government is also supporting Korean companies in responding to the CBAM. Last month, it conducted four practical training programs in which SME employees directly calculated carbon emissions themselves. The government is also providing on-site consulting services that visit company production sites to calculate emissions for CBAM-targeted products, as well as a dedicated help desk for businesses (☎ 1551-3213).

Park Yong-soon, Director General for Technology Innovation Policy at the Ministry of SMEs and Startups, said, "The government will actively address the difficulties faced by Korean companies in responding to the CBAM and will continue to expand and strengthen support to help them effectively prepare for global environmental regulations."

He added, "We hope that our companies will actively utilize the government's support programs to strengthen their carbon reduction capabilities, enhance competitiveness with foreign firms, and view the CBAM not as a regulation, but as an opportunity for growth."

The government plans to continue monitoring developments from the EU, such as the announcement of related subordinate regulations, and will keep consulting with the EU to find ways to ease the burden on Korean companies. At the same time, it will continue efforts to strengthen the companies' own response capabilities.