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- * Slovakian exchange seeks to block stolen CO2 credits
- * Will publish data about suspicious trades via registry

BRATISLAVA, March 15 (Reuters) - Slovakia has opened a registry to block transactions in carbon credits which may have been stolen or used in other fraudulent activity, the Bratislava Commodity Exchange said on Tuesday.

The registry will publish data about suspicious credits from emitters and governments, the exchange said in a statement.

The European Commission has proposed a number of measures to boost security in its emissions trading scheme after around 3.3 million carbon permits called EU allowances (EUAs) were allegedly stolen from member states' national emissions registries over the past three months.

Other exchanges, like BlueNext, EEX and ICE Futures Europe <ICE.N>, have already introduced or proposed measures to combat fraudulent activity in the EU's spot carbon market.

The registry will be free for all emitters and traders to access but other trading platforms may have to pay.

"We would like also to see (a) subsidy from the European Commission to supply this registry further," the exchange said.

Bratislava Commodity Exchange, which cleared its first carbon credit transaction in 2005, said it traded 348.002 credits in the last quarter for an average price of 15.19 euros a tonne (\$21.18).

The registry is available at: <http://www.suspicious-carbon-credits.com> or <http://scc.kbb.sk/>.