

Dear Operator,

Following on from the Registry Newsletter issued on 18th November 2011, please find attached a copy of the Identity Checking Application Form and Account Opening Guide, and an update on the next steps.

http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/static/documents/Business/EU_ETS_Registry_Newsletter_November_2011.pdf

The European Commission has recently announced the decision to activate the Registry in two steps. As of 30 January 2012 the Registry will be partially activated in order to allow aircraft operators to open registry accounts and receive free allowances by 28 February 2012. The full activation of the Registry, including the transfer of existing accounts from national registries and the facility to move allowances between Registry accounts, will not take place before June 2012.

http://ec.europa.eu/clima/news/articles/news_2011113001_en.htm

As the earliest time for opening a registry account is now 30 January 2012 - please choose one of the two available options below:

1. Identity Checks - Pre Activation Approvals: Please complete and return the attached identity checking application form with the identification documentation as soon as possible. By doing this you are more likely to receive your allocation of free allowances (if applicable) before 28 February 2012, as this will enable the identification documents to be checked and validated, and the Authorised Representatives approved in good time before the system is partially activated. By choosing this option you will be required to enter some of this information again directly into the new Registry system once it is activated and you are setting up your account for the first time.

2. Identity Checks - Post Activation Approvals: Alternatively, you can wait until the new Registry system is activated on 30 January 2012, at which point you will enter your information directly into the Registry system in order to set up your account for the first time. After this, you are required to send us the identification documentation. Should you choose this option, we will be unable to guarantee your allocation of free allowances (if applicable) before 28 February 2012, due to the time required to check and validate the identification documentation and to approve your nominated Authorised Representatives. We would recommend that you start collecting the identification documentation well before the end January 2012.

Also, please note the date specified by the European Commission for the partial activation of the new system may be subject to change and, therefore, cannot be guaranteed.

Once the allowances have been allocated to your account you will not be able to transfer these out of your account until the Registry has been fully activated at the end of June 2012.

Regardless of which option you choose, we will contact you in the new year to provide guidance on how to access and set up your account in the new Registry system for the first time.

Should you have any questions please contact the Registry Team – etregistryhelp@environment-agency.gov.uk

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