

EU ETS Aviation Newsletter

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WHY HAVE YOU RECEIVED THIS?

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide you with a short update on issues relevant to your activities which are subject to regulation by UK regulators under the Aviation Emissions Trading System (ETS).

We have sent this newsletter to you because we have either approved your emissions plan or you have a plan in progress with us.

UK Completes Implementation of Aviation Emissions Trading

The second stage of the Aviation EU ETS Regulations ("The Aviation Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme Regulations 2010") came into force on 31 August 2010. They completed the UK's transposition of the Aviation EU ETS Directive.

You can obtain a copy of the legislation on the following website:

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2010/1996/pdfs/uksi_20101996_en.pdf.

Aviation ETS and the volcano

You may have seen articles casting doubt on the need to comply with the Aviation ETS due to the disruption of aviation activities caused by the Icelandic volcano eruption earlier this year.

The Icelandic volcano eruption has no impact on the requirement for you to monitor and report your relevant emissions or, if you wish to receive free allowances, on the need to monitor and report tonne-kilometre data.

Verification – Don't Leave it too late!

Verification is a legal requirement of the emissions trading process and both emissions and benchmarking (tonne-kilometre) reports

must be verified before they are submitted to us. Reports that are not verified cannot be accepted and will be rejected.

We advise you to consider now how you will get reports verified, and not leave this until next year as finding a verifier in the later stages might prove difficult and/or may lead to late verification of your report(s).

By law we can only accept reports verified by verifiers that are approved or accredited by the UK Accreditation Service (UKAS) to undertake verification of Aviation ETS reports. We suggest you contact UKAS either through Phil Shaw (phil.shaw@ukas.com) or Janet Gascoigne (janet.gascoigne@ukas.com) for advice on finding a verifier.

What else should you be doing?

If you are part of EU ETS Aviation you should have applied for and received from us your approved emissions plan, and if you applied, an approved benchmarking plan.

This year is the first in which you must monitor your emissions in accordance with your emissions plan. If you want to apply for free allowances, you must also monitor your tonne-kilometre benchmarking data in accordance with your benchmarking plan.

The requirement to monitor emissions continues for as long as you are part of the Emissions Trading System and the monitoring year starts on 1 January of each year. At the moment the collection of tonne-kilometre benchmarking data is required for 2010 only.

Verified emissions and benchmarking data reports must be submitted to us by 31 March 2011. A summary of the key dates and activities is provided in the table below.

ETS Aviation is expanding

Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein became part of EU ETS aviation at the start of this year. Changes in the allocation of aircraft operators to these countries will be incorporated into the next revision of the European Commission’s list which should be published later this year.

Easier Emission Calculations for Small Emitters

Small emitters can now choose to use a simplified method to determine their fuel consumption and carbon dioxide emissions.

The European Commission has approved the use of Eurocontrol’s simplified fuel consumption estimation tool. The tool is available for use without charge and can be downloaded at:

http://www.eurocontrol.int/environment/public/standard_page/small_emitters.html

Small emitters are aircraft operators operating less than 243 flights per period for three consecutive four-month periods and aircraft operators operating flights with total annual emissions of less than 10,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide per year.

Key dates and activities

Date	Milestone	Must do
1 Jan. 2010	Start of monitoring year (Emissions and Benchmarking).	Monitor in accordance with approved Benchmarking plan and/or approved Emissions Plan.
		Engage an approved verifier.
31 Dec. 2010	End of monitoring year.	
1 Jan. 2011	Beginning of new monitoring year (Emissions only)	Begin monitoring in accordance with approved Emissions Plan for 2011.
3 Jan. 2011	Regulator reporting tool is live for receipt of Emissions and Benchmarking reports.	
31 Mar. 2011	Deadline for submission of verified Benchmarking and/or Emissions reports to your regulator.	Completed and verified reports are submitted to your regulator covering activities in 2010.

Improving Our Service to You

Later this year we will expand our internet based system to allow submission of Emissions and Benchmarking reports. You must use this system for submission of your reports. This system will also provide an interface for verifiers. The objective of the system is to automate the reporting process as much as possible for you, reducing the work required.

We will provide further details of the system and guidance on its use later this year.

Feedback

We should very much appreciate your feedback on this newsletter, particularly your suggestions on how useful it is to you and how it could be improved, for example what subjects you wish to see covered in future issues. Please send your feedback to:

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