

Sujet: EU ETS for aviation

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Dear Sir/Madam,

As regards to the updated version of Frequently Asked Questions referring to the Commission proposal for a European Regional Airspace Approach for EU emissions trading for aviation, recently published (6.12.2014) by the European Commission (http://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/transport/aviation/docs/faq_eraa_en.pdf), we should like to inform you as follows:

1. The Commission's proposal involves legislation to be adopted through the co-decision procedure, which requires approval by the European Parliament and the Council. As with this year's decision to 'stop the clock,' it is important that the new proposal is agreed swiftly so it is in place in time before the deadline for the next surrendering of allowances due by 30 April 2014. The Commission would therefore like it to be agreed by March 2014.

2. Emissions from flights operated in 2013 to and from third countries are fully exempted from the EU ETS (there is a table in Annex 1 of this version shows the emissions coverage for 2013).

The EU ETS will continue to be enforced in full for the flights between airports in the EEA, including flights to and from outermost regions.

3. MONITORING, REPORTING, VERIFICATION AND SURRENDERING

There will be an extraordinary two-year compliance cycle for aviation emissions from 2013 and 2014. These emissions need to be reported only by 31 March 2015 (two emission reports) and allowances to be surrendered by 30 April 2015.

Starting with emissions of 2015, the annual compliance cycle will resume.

Additionally, it should be mentioned that the Commission confirms that pending completion of the legislative process, aircraft operators should not expect the Commission to require enforcement activities to be taken against them by Member States in respect of not having reported emissions or surrendered allowances before 31 March 2014 and 30 April 2014 respectively with regards to flights operated during 2013.

We should remain at your disposal for any further information.

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