

# EU ETS Aviation Newsletter

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**This newsletter contains an important update for aircraft operators assigned to the United Kingdom and regulated by the Environment Agency, regarding 2013 emissions reporting pending the proposed amendments to the EU ETS Directive for aviation.**

## **Update on the Commission's proposal**

The proposal of the European Commission to amend the EU Emissions Trading Directive for aviation (2003/87/EC) is currently being negotiated in the European Parliament and the Council. The proposal is in view of the implementation by 2020 of an international agreement applying a single global market-based measure to international aviation emissions.

Please visit the Commission's [website](#) for the latest on the proposal and their FAQ document.

## **What approach are we intending to take to enforcement for 2013 reporting during the legislative process to amend the Directive for aviation?**

Owing to the ongoing uncertainty around the negotiations, the Environment Agency will not take enforcement action against aircraft operators that do not report 2013 emissions by 31 March 2014.

However, the final position in relation to the requirement to report emissions and to surrender allowances in respect of those emissions by 30 April 2014 remains unclear. If the Commission's proposal is rejected by the European Parliament on 2-3 April 2014 you may be required to report emissions and surrender allowances in respect of full scope 2013 emissions by 30 April 2014.

We will inform you about the outcome of the European Parliament vote as soon as possible and clarify the reporting and surrender requirements for 2013 emissions at that stage.

## **How to report your 2013 emissions**

The steps below outline how to submit your verified 2013 emissions report to us. Please use your Phase III AEM plan for reference when completing the 2013 AEM report form.

1. Complete your 2013 AEM report in ETSWAP.

2. Once completed, you must select a verifier to verify your AEM report from the drop down list available. Please ensure they agree to act as your verifier before forwarding your report to them. A list of verifiers accredited by the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS) can be found on their [website](#). You can also appoint a verifier accredited by a national accreditation body in another EU country. You will find further details on the European Cooperation for Accreditation [website](#).

3. Submit your AEM report to your verifier for verification.

4. Your verifier will review your report and then return it to you via ETSWAP with their opinion statement and any relevant comments.

5. Submit your verified AEM report to us.

Emissions reports for 2013 divide emissions into those relating to 'intra' and 'extra' European Annex I flights. The subtotals contained within the 2013 report will allow us to review the report in line with a revised scope (subject to changes in European legislation), and determine the amount of allowances an operator will be required to surrender.

If you did not perform any Annex I activity during 2013, please inform us of this via ETSWAP. To do this, please open the reporting task and complete the 'no activity' section of the form. This is a quick and simple process and will remove the reporting task from your work queue. You will receive an acknowledgement email from the system.

## **Further information**

If you have a query regarding EU ETS Aviation please contact the ET Aviation [helpdesk](#).