

EU ETS Aviation Newsletter

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The purpose of this newsletter is to provide a brief update on current issues of interest to Aircraft Operators included in the EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS).

Deadline for 2010 report submission

All aircraft operators included in the scheme are required to submit a verified annual emissions report for 2010 to their competent authority by 31 March 2011. Operators wishing to benefit from an allocation of free allowances in 2012 must also submit a verified benchmarking report in line with their approved benchmarking plan by 31 March 2011.

Verifier Accreditation

As of 1 November 2010, six companies have received an accreditation from the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS) for the verification of annual emission and benchmarking reports. Please visit the UKAS website: http://www.ukas.com/library/Technical-Information/Pubs-Technical-Articles/Pubs-List/EU_ETS_Verifiers.pdf for a list of accredited verifiers for the aviation sector. A further three companies are currently going through the accreditation process.

Verification of Reports

All operators, including small emitters, are required to have their annual emission and benchmarking reports verified in line with the EU ETS Aviation Monitoring and Reporting Guidelines (Commission Decision 2009/339/EC).

Requirement for a verification site visit

For EU ETS Aviation, the Monitoring and Reporting Decision states that as part of verification a site visit may be appropriate. The European Commission is due to publish verification guidance for the aviation sector before the end of this year. This will include details on site visits and provide additional clarity on the verification process.

Small Emitters Tool

Eurocontrol has now produced an EU 'Commission Approved Tool' to assist small emitters in calculating their emissions. Following feedback from users Eurocontrol is now working on revising and improving the tool.

Improvements to the Aviation Web Portal

We are replacing the existing aviation web portal in phases from the end of 2010. This will make it easier for you to submit emission and benchmarking reports, and for us to process them. It is planned that the new system will be available to operators for the submission of verified reports from early January 2011, with further releases in February and March 2011 to add additional functionality. Further updates will be provided in subsequent newsletters.

Consultation on Emission Plan Conditions

Regulation 23 of The Aviation Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Regulations 2010, places a duty on regulators to include conditions in emissions plans to ensure that the requirements of the Monitoring and Reporting Decision are fully met. We intend to consult aircraft operators and other interested parties, including verifiers, via email on the proposed conditions in late November 2010. A copy of the consultation will also be available on our website.

Further information

If you have any feedback on this newsletter or have a query regarding EU ETS Aviation please contact the ET Aviation helpdesk at: etaviationhelp@environment-agency.gov.uk