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This newsletter provides an update for aircraft operators administered by the United Kingdom for the 2017 to 2020 period and details of the link between EU ETS and the Swiss ETS for aviation

EU ETS Aviation 2017 - 2020 Scheme Years update

On 21 June 2017 the European Council agreed to extend the existing provisions covering EU ETS aviation beyond 2016 and to prepare for the implementation of the global-market based measure as of 2021. The next stage is for the European Commission's proposal to be approved by the European Parliament. Further details can be found in the European Commission's Press Release here. We will keep you informed of progress.

CORSIA – the global marked based measure for aviation

The Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) will commence in 2021. The system includes the requirement to monitor and report baseline emissions in 2019 and 2020.

The European Commission has published a proposal for amending the EU ETS Directive to implement CORSIA and an impact assessment, which can be found here.

For the latest information on CORSIA, FAQs and a useful short video which explains what CORSIA is about, please visit the ICAO website here.

Linking EU ETS with the Swiss ETS

The Swiss ETS is to be extended to cover emissions from aviation and is to be formally linked with EU ETS. The Swiss ETS will include domestic Swiss flights and flights from Switzerland to European Economic Area Member (EEA) States only, with special arrangements for flights from Basel-Mulhouse airport (LFSB). Flights from the EEA to Switzerland will remain under EU ETS.

As part of this process, the Swiss Federal Office for Environment (FOEN) is undertaking a tonne-kilometre (TKM) benchmarking exercise between 1 January and 31 December 2018.

Please refer to the FOEN website here for further information about and guidance on the Swiss ETS and the eligibility for participation in the benchmarking exercise.

Consultation on Charging Review

The Environment Agency's charging review will shortly go out for public consultation. The review includes the amount the organisation charges for the work we carry out in relation to EU ETS for aircraft operators. We will provide a link to this consultation when this goes live.

Enforcement and Sanctions Guidance

The Environment Agency is currently reviewing its guidance which sets out how the organisation makes enforcement decisions with regard to the different regimes which it regulates, including EU ETS. We will be consulting stakeholders on the revised guidance in the near future. Further information about this process will be provided shortly.

Do you need to update us?

Now is a good time to check your Annual Emissions Monitoring (AEM) plan and your users on ETSWAP to make sure that the information we have is up to date. If you need to make any changes to your AEM plan you can do this through a variation to your AEM plan through the AEM Plan/Start Change Request workflow on ETSWAP.

Please also use this time to check the Authorised Representatives (ARs) and if applicable, Additional Authorised Representatives (AARs) on your Aircraft Operator Holding Account (AOHA) in the Registry. Our Registry Team can be contacted here.

Talking to us

If you have any questions regarding EU ETS compliance for the 2017 scheme year please contact our ET Aviation <u>helpdesk</u>.

