

Information on Accreditation of ETS Third-Party Verifiers

from the UK Accreditation Service (UKAS)*

Verification of emissions and benchmark reports

The UK regulations require aviation operators to submit reports, which are “verified by an independent verifier in accordance with Monitoring and Reporting Decision and Annex V to the EU-ETS Directive.”

The verifier will provide you with an opinion on your report, which will either be 'verified', 'verified with comments' or 'not verified'. The opinion forms part of the report, which you are required to send to us **before 31 March 2011**.

Companies offering verification services must be accredited. In the UK, accreditation is assessed by the UK Accreditation Service (UKAS): <http://www.ukas.com/>

Operator reports which have not been verified by a UKAS confirmed accredited verifier will not be acceptable and will be deemed noncompliant.

It is expected that many of the verifiers currently used by operators of stationary installations (for example, power stations) will extend the scope of their accreditation to include aviation.

We aim to publish a list of accredited verifiers as soon as we are able. The UKAS list of currently accredited verifiers can be found at the link below. It includes contact details and some information about expansion of EU-ETS to include aviation.

Verification for EU Emissions Trading Scheme (EU-ETS): <http://www.ukas.com/library/About-Accreditation/Accredited-Bodies/EU%20ETS%20Verifiers%20Phase%20II.pdf>

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