

EU ETS Aviation Newsletter

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This newsletter provides an update on compliance for aircraft operators assigned to the United Kingdom for the 2015 Scheme Year

Compliance deadline reminder

The deadline for operators to submit their emissions report for the 2015 Scheme Year, via ETSWAP, is 31 March 2016. Failure to do so is a breach of the UK Regulations, which may lead to a civil penalty.

You must enter your reportable emissions into your Aircraft Operator Holding Account (AOHA) within the UK Registry by 31 March 2016. If your emissions report was verified, your verifier is required to confirm the emissions you have proposed in your AOHA by 31 March 2016. You must then surrender allowances equivalent to your reportable emissions for the 2015 Scheme Year by 30 April 2016.

Please ensure that you have sufficient allowances in your AOHA to match your reportable emissions. If you have yet to open an AOHA please contact our Registry Team urgently on 01925 542594 or via the Registry helpdesk [here](#).

Operators who fail to surrender sufficient allowances by 30 April 2016 are liable to receive a mandatory civil penalty equivalent to €100 per tonne for each allowance that they fail to surrender.

Using the Eurocontrol Small Emitters Tool

If you are eligible to use the 'tool' to estimate your reportable emissions, please ensure that you use the 2015 Scheme Year version, which can be found on the Eurocontrol website [here](#).

How to complete your emissions report form

A number of sections of the report form are pre-populated for you and will only need amending if details have changed from your existing emissions monitoring (AEM) plan. The rest of the form will need to be populated with aircraft, fuel and flight data.

A key point to consider when completing your report form is that the 'Aggregated Emissions Data' table, within the 'Emissions Data' section, is the primary data table within the report form. This data table is used to automatically populate the 'Total Emissions', 'Detailed Emissions' (country pair) and 'Additional Emissions' (aerodrome pair) pages of the form.

Using the Simplified Reporting Procedures

If your 'full scope' CO₂ emissions are below 25,000 tonnes during the 2015 Scheme Year you can use the Simplified Reporting Procedures, and populate your ETSWAP emissions report using Eurocontrol Support Facility (ETS SF) data to by-pass the verification process.

How to obtain your Support Facility data

ETS SF data for the 2015 Scheme Year is now available; details of how to obtain your data can be found on their website [here](#).

We are able to automatically receive a copy of your ETS SF data if you add our helpdesk email address [etaviationhelp@environment-agency.gov.uk] when prompted on the "Art28a6" page during the application process. Please note; you are still required to complete and submit your ETSWAP emissions report form to us. We use the ETS SF report we receive to help us review your report.

Receiving your Support Facility data

You will receive your ETS SF data via email. The email will contain data files that can be bulk-uploaded into the ETSWAP report form, which will simplify the reporting process. You will need to open these files up in either Microsoft 'Notepad' or Mac OS X 'TextEdit' format before copying the data into the relevant sections of the ETSWAP report form.

Once you receive your Eurocontrol data, please check it against your own flight records to ensure it is complete and accurate. If you identify any errors or issues with the data please contact the [Eurocontrol Support Office](#) to get this resolved before completing your report form in ETSWAP. As any correction of data may take some time, please obtain and review your ETS SF data as soon as possible.

Please ensure that when you complete the 'Simplified Procedures' section of the report form, that the 'Flights and Emissions' part of this section is completed with 'full scope' (Annex I) data. This data should be obtained from your own records.

If, when requesting your ETS SF data, you did not identify that it was for the purpose of reporting under 'Article 28', we will not have automatically received a copy of the data. If this is the case, please attach a copy of the email you receive from Eurocontrol that contains the attached Zip file to the 'Additional Information' section of your report form. We will need this information to review your report.

Using an accredited verifier

If you are not eligible to use the Simplified Reporting Procedures or do not plan to use this option, your emissions report must be verified by an independent, accredited verifier. If needed, please contact us for a list of the verifiers available in ETSWAP.

Please ensure that when you select your verifier from the drop down list within ETSWAP you choose the verifier who has agreed to act on your behalf.

Uncorrected Misstatements

If, during the verification process your verifier identifies any non-material misstatements please correct these to ensure that no misstatements are stated within the Verification Opinion Statement section (Annex 1) of your emissions report.

If uncorrected non-material misstatements are identified in your report, we are required under the Monitoring and Reporting Regulation (EU) No 601/2012 to assess them, and make a conservative estimate of the emissions associated with them, where appropriate.

Our estimate could result in an increase in your reportable emissions, which could result in you under surrendering allowances by 30 April 2016.

Submitting a verified report

If you are reporting using an accredited verifier you are reminded that it is your responsibility to submit your verified report to us once it has been finally returned to you by your verifier.

Proposing your emissions in your AOHA

To propose your emissions you will need to enter your 'Domestic' and 'Non-Domestic' emissions for the Scheme Year separately. 'Domestic Emissions' relates to your emissions within the same EEA State (e.g. internal UK flights); 'Non-Domestic Emissions' relates to your emissions between separate EEA States. Both these figures are stated within the 'Detailed Emissions Data' Section of your report form on ETSWAP.

'Simplified Reported' emissions:

If you are eligible and choose the Simplified Reporting Procedures we will confirm the emissions figure you have proposed in your AOHA, if it matches the figure in your emissions report.

You will need to remove the details of the verifier you used in previous years from your account before proposing your emissions. You do this by clicking on the 'Verifier' tab in your AOHA. If there are verifier details listed in the 'Appointed Verifier' box, click the 'Remove' button. Once you submit this request and click 'Confirm', the verifier will be removed. You can then propose your emissions. Please ignore the 'No verifier' message you will receive.

Verified emissions:

If your emissions report has been verified by an independent verifier, they must also verify your emissions figure once you have proposed your emissions in your AOHA.

How to surrender your allowances

The deadline to surrender allowances, equivalent to your reportable emissions for the 2015 Scheme Year, is 21:59 (GMT/UTC) on **30 April 2016**.

When you have fully completed the surrender process your AOHA will be marked with a compliance status of 'A'. This can be found in the 'Compliance' tab within your account.

Please note that your compliance status will only be 'A' if your surrender obligations for all Scheme Years to date have been met.

'How to' Guides

We have updated our 'How to' guides covering reporting through ETSWAP (Simplified reporting and reporting through verification) and the surrendering of allowances from your AOHA. These will be available shortly from the 'How to Guides' link at the top of your ETSWAP work queue. Our 'How to comply' guidance document will also be available from the same location.

EU ETS Webinar

Our 'How to Comply with EU ETS' Webinar aired this week and is now available to view via the [Brighttalk channel](#).

Talking to us

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