

**This newsletter provides important information for aircraft operators administered by the UK under the EU ETS only**

## The UK and EU Exit

On 31 January 2020 the UK left the EU. Under the Withdrawal Agreement, we are now in a Transition Period until 31 December 2020. As a result, the UK will remain in the EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS) for both the 2019 and 2020 Scheme Years, and you are required to comply with all your obligations for this period.

The key compliance deadlines are provided below:

Compliance Task	Deadline
Submit Verified Annual Emissions Report for 2019 emissions	31 March 2020
Surrender equivalent allowances to 2019 verified emissions	30 April 2020
Submit Verified Annual Emissions Report for 2020 emissions	31 March 2021
Surrender equivalent allowances to 2020 verified emissions	30 April 2021

A failure to meet the reporting deadline may result in a civil penalty.

**Aircraft operators (AOs) who fail to surrender sufficient allowances by the surrender deadlines will be liable to pay a mandatory civil penalty equivalent to €100<sup>(1)</sup> per tonne for each allowance that they fail to surrender.**

## EU ETS free allowance allocations (2019 and 2020)

All AOs who were entitled to an allocation of free allowances for the 2019 Scheme Year should now have received this allocation into their Aircraft Operator Holding Account (AOHA) in the UK Registry.

Free allowances for 2020 will be issued by 28 February 2020. Please note, this will not include any allocation due as a result of the linking of the EU ETS to the Swiss ETS; this will take place after the Delegated Act implementing 'Swiss Linking' enters into force, which is currently expected to be in May or June 2020.

## 2019 Scheme Year compliance deadlines

The Compliance tasks and deadlines are summarised below and further details are provided in Table A.

### 31 March 2020 (23:59 UK time)

#### Submit your emissions report via ETSWAP

Please ensure that when you complete the revised 'Operator Activity' page of the report form, you state that you are administered by the UK for EU ETS and not for CORSIA. This will ensure only the EU ETS sections of the report form are open for you to complete.

If you are eligible to use Simplified Reporting procedures and plan to use this method, your emissions report must be completed using your EUROCONTROL draft Annual Emissions Report (without modification) from the online ETS Support Facility (ETS SF) [here](#).

If you are not eligible to use simplified reporting, or do not wish to use this method, your 2019 emissions report must be submitted to an independent verifier for verification before it can be submitted to us.

### 31 March 2020 (23:59 UK time)

#### Enter your reportable emissions in the UK Registry

You must enter your reportable emissions figure into your AOHA.

### 30 April 2020 (23:39 UK time)

#### Surrender allowances from your AOHA

You must surrender allowances equivalent to your 2019 reportable emissions by this date. It is your responsibility to ensure that any allowances you require are delivered to your AOHA in time for you to effect surrender by the deadline. If you have an AOHA, please ensure that this is fully operative, and that you have at least two Authorised Representatives (ARs) in place. If you have any concerns about your AOHA, need to replace or add an Authorised Representative, or have yet to open an AOHA, please contact our Registry Team urgently [here](#).

## Talking to us

If you have any questions regarding EU ETS compliance please contact our ET Aviation [helpdesk](#).

<sup>1)</sup> As adjusted by the relevant factor in the Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices.

**Table A: EU ETS Reporting and Registry Compliance Tasks – 2019 Scheme Year**

Deadline	Task	Use of Simplified Reporting procedures	Reporting through third party verification
31 March 2020	Submit your emissions report via ETSWAP	<p>Your ETSWAP emissions report form must be completed using your EUROCONTROL (Support Facility) draft Annual Emissions Report <u>without modification</u>.</p> <p>You must check the ETS SF report against your own flight records to ensure that it is complete and accurate as any error in reporting may leave you liable to a civil penalty, and may lead to a failure to surrender sufficient allowances.</p> <p>You <u>do not</u> have to wait for us to review your submitted emissions report form before completing the remainder of your EU ETS compliance tasks.</p>	<p>Aircraft operators eligible to use the Small Emitters Tool (SET) to estimate their CO<sub>2</sub> emissions should use version <b>5.09</b> of the SET for their 2019 Scheme Year compliance, a copy of which can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>Please ensure that you have a contract in place with your verifier before sending your completed emissions report to them via ETSWAP.</p> <p>It is your responsibility to submit your verified report to us when it is returned to you by your verifier.</p> <p><u>Note:</u> an emissions report should not be submitted if any misstatements are identified by your verifier. Any misstatement <u>must</u> be corrected before your emissions report is submitted to us.</p>
31 March 2020	Enter your reportable emissions in the UK Registry	<p>You must enter your emissions in your AOHA.</p> <p>You will need to enter a figure for your domestic and international emissions. Please make sure that the sum of these matches your total emissions figure in your report.</p> <p>If you have previously used an independent verifier, please remove your verifier from your AOHA prior to entering your reportable emissions.</p> <p>We will confirm whether your reportable emissions figure matches your ETS SF data (i.e. the verifier role). If you have not entered your emissions at the time we confirm your reportable emissions, we will enter your emissions for you.</p>	<p>You must enter your emissions in your AOHA.</p> <p>You will need to enter a figure for your domestic emissions and for your international emissions. Please make sure that the sum of these matches the total emissions figure in your report.</p> <p>Your verifier is required to confirm the emissions figure in your AOHA.</p>
30 April 2020	Surrender your allowances from your AOHA	<p>You must surrender allowances equivalent to your 2019 reportable emissions by this date.</p> <p>It is your responsibility to ensure that that any allowances you require are delivered to your AOHA in time for you to surrender by the deadline, and that your account is fully operative, with two ARs in place and available.</p> <p><b>If you fail to surrender sufficient allowances by the surrender deadline you will be liable to receive a mandatory civil penalty equivalent to €100<sup>(1)</sup> per tonne for each allowance that you failed to surrender.</b></p>	