EU ETS Aviation Newsletter



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This newsletter provides an important reminder for UK administered aircraft operators about the change in compliance deadlines for the 2018 EU ETS scheme year and UK 2019 allowances

2018 Scheme Year compliance deadlines

In anticipation of the UK's intended departure from the EU on 29 March 2019, the 2018 Scheme Year compliance deadlines for UK administered aircraft operators have been revised. The new deadlines are:

Monday 11 March 2019

Report your emissions through ETSWAP

Monday 11 March 2019

Propose your emissions, and if applicable have them verified in the Registry

Friday 15 March 2019

Surrender allowances in the Registry

To assist you to meet the revised deadlines your emissions report form will be available in your ETSWAP work queue from 1 December 2018.

When planning your verification, reporting, and surrender activities for the 2018 Scheme Year you should consider the limited timeframe between the revised deadlines.

Simplified Reporting

If you are eligible to use Simplified Reporting procedures (i.e. your annual 'full-scope' emissions are below 25,000tCO₂, or your annual 'intra-EEA' emissions are below 3,000tCO₂), and plan to use this method, your emissions report must be completed using your EUROCONTROL draft Annual Emissions Report. This can be obtained from the online ETS Support Facility (ETS-SF). You must check your ETS-SF report against your own flight records to ensure that it is complete and accurate, as flight and emissions data has to be reported without modification.

ETS-SF data is updated monthly, with updates accessible through your ETS-SF login. Due to the revised 2018 compliance deadlines it would be advisable to request access to your 2018 ETS-SF data as soon as possible. In this way any differences in data can be identified and resolved as soon as possible, as any error could lead to an incorrect report and/or an under-surrender of allowances, which may leave you liable to a civil penalty.

If you are not eligible to use simplified reporting procedures, or do not wish to use this method, your 2018 scheme year emissions report must be submitted to an independent verifier for verification before it can be submitted to us.

Reporting through verification

If you are required to, or opt to have your emissions report verified, we advise that you contact a suitably accredited verifier as soon as possible. It would be advisable to prepare and review your 2018 reporting data as soon as it is available to reduce the likelihood of errors and to enable any errors (i.e. misstatements) identified during verification to be resolved in plenty of time for the revised reporting deadline.

Important Registry reminder

If you have an Aircraft Operator Holding Account (AOHA) please login to your account and check that you have at least two Authorised Representatives (ARs) and that they will be available during February and early March 2019 to carry out your Registry compliance tasks. If you need to make any changes to your AOHA, or have yet to open an AOHA, please contact our Registry Team urgently here.

UK 2019 allowances

This text is being sent on behalf of the UK Government. If you have any queries please direct these to eu.ets@beis.gov.uk

"On 12 October 2018 the government published the Climate Change technical notice (here) on preparations for the UK leaving the EU without agreement (a 'no deal' scenario). The EU ETS section advised that in the unlikely event of a 'no deal' outcome, UK-issued 2019 allowances will not be able to be used to surrender for the 2018 compliance deadline of 15 March 2019. If you have not already done so, it is recommended that you should consider not being able to use UK 2019 allowances when planning to meet your 2018 compliance obligation. This is in line with the communication on this issue that you will have received from your regulator in February of this year, which was included in the UK Registry Support Guide".

Talking to us

If you have any questions regarding EU ETS compliance please contact our ET Aviation helpdesk.