IRELAND EPA clarifies Competent Authority assignment under CORSIA

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Questions posed:

If an operator is based in the U.S., then their CORSIA Competent Authority would be the FAA Environment?

Irish CA is only responsible for Ireland-based operators or sister countries that Ireland is sponsoring?

For example: U.S. Corporations with EU-ETS administered by Ireland, but the FAA has said that they would report CORSIA to the U.S.

Response from Ireland EPA:

- CORSIA applies to International flights only
- An aircraft operator is eligible for CORSIA if they have international flights exceeding 10,000 tonnes per year (after 1 Jan 2019) from the use of an aeroplane with a max certified take-off mass greater than 5,700kg
- International flights are attributed to an AO by either ICAO Designator or Registration Marks
- Aeroplane operators are attributed to a state by either ICAO Designator, AOC or Place of juridicial registration

The Irish Competent Authority (EPA) is therefore only responsible for operators with an Irish AOC or an ICAO Designator where Ireland is the Notifying State.

Additional reference:

CORSIA Implementation SARP - Annex 16 Volume IV

Link: https://www.icao.int/environmental-protection/CORSIA/Pages/SARPs-Annex-16-Volume-IV.aspx