

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

EU ETS 2019 Scheme Year compliance

Further to the email we sent you on 31 October 2019 on behalf of the UK Government, we advise you to prepare for ETS compliance in the normal way, and, in particular, be ready to submit your reportable emissions to the Environment Agency by 31 March 2020 as detailed below.

EU ETS reporting

We are in the process of updating the emissions report form on ETSWAP to enable aircraft operators administered by the UK for both EU ETS and CORSIA to report their flights and emissions to us for both schemes using one report form. As a result, when you open your emissions report form you will be presented with a revised 'Operator Activity' page.

Please ensure that you complete this page correctly by stating that you are administered by the UK for EU ETS **but not** for CORSIA; this will ensure only the EU ETS sections of the report form are open for you to complete.

If you are marked as 'Live' in ETSWAP, the report form should be available in your ETSWAP work queue from 1 January 2020 and must be submitted by 31 March 2020.

If you are currently marked as either 'Exempt – Commercial' or 'Exempt Non-Commercial', but consider you have a compliance obligation for the 2019 Scheme Year, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can amend your ETSWAP status.

Simplified Reporting

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. This can be obtained from the online ETS Support Facility (ETS-SF). Details of how to access the ETS-SF can be found [here](#).

You must check the ETS-SF report against your own flight records to ensure that it is complete and accurate as you are required to use ETS-SF data without modification. Any error in reporting may leave you liable to a civil penalty, and may lead to a failure to surrender sufficient allowances.

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. Please ensure that the verifier you are intending to use is able to approve any emissions figure you enter into your AOHA. It would be advisable to prepare and review your 2019 reporting data as soon as it is available to reduce the likelihood of errors and to enable any errors (particularly any misstatements) identified during verification to be resolved, as these must be rectified before the report is submitted to us.

Important Registry reminder

If you have an Aircraft Operator Holding Account (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](#).

EU ETS free allowance allocations

The suspension of the UK's ability to auction allowances, allocate allowances for free to operators (for 2019 or any previous Scheme Years), or exchange international credits for allowances from 1 January 2019 continues to apply. This is why the allocation that would normally have taken in place in February 2019 in respect of the 2019 Scheme Year was withheld.

The allocation of the free allowances in respect of the 2019 Scheme Year will only take place if there is going to be an obligation to surrender sufficient allowances for the 2019 Scheme Year. We will provide a further update on this and any 2020 free allocation as soon as we are in a position to do so.

ETS Emissions Monitoring Plan (EMP) updates

We are still in the process of revising EMPs to take account of recent changes to the Monitoring and Reporting Regulations⁽¹⁾ and for those aircraft operators who use the simplified reporting procedures. Thank you for your patience with respect to this, we will get your revised EMP to you as soon as we can.

Talking to us

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

⁽¹⁾ Article 76 of ((EU) 2018/2066) (MRR 2018)