

## **Publication of an initial government response to the UK ETS consultation**

The UK ETS Authority – made up of the UK Government, Scottish Government, Welsh Government and the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs for Northern Ireland who jointly run the scheme – has published an initial government response to the consultation on developing the UK Emissions Trading Scheme (UK ETS).

A small number of proposals in the March consultation require implementation via legislation ahead of the 2023 scheme year. For this reason, we are providing an early response on these proposals to set out final positions to stakeholders before these positions take effect.

This response outlines responses received and Authority decisions on the following proposals:

- The inclusion of flights from the UK to Switzerland in the UK ETS from January 2023; the permitting of virtual site visits for aviation verifiers in situations other than circumstances that are serious, extraordinary and unforeseeable; and updating the references in UK ETS legislation to the Renewable Transport Fuel Obligation (RTFO) sustainability criteria that are relevant to the eligibility of sustainable aviation fuels.
- Amendment to the Activity Level Changes Regulation due to the 2020 COVID year.
- Operational amendments to the UK ETS included in Chapter 9 of the consultation, including minor permitting, monitoring, reporting & verification (PMRV) amendments and a window for Hospitals and Small Emitters to re-enter the main scheme.

[Read the initial government response here](#)

**We will provide a full response in due course on the remaining proposals included in the March consultation.**

If you have questions about UK ETS policy, you can contact each of the four governments that comprise the UK ETS authority.

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