

# EU ETS Aviation Newsletter

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## EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS) – Update for Aircraft Operators.

### Allocation of free allowances

On 26 September 2011 the European Commission published the benchmark figures for 2012 and 2013 to 2020. These have been used to calculate the number of free allowances for operators who applied for a free allocation by reporting their 2010 tonne-kilometre data.

The benchmarks for each period were calculated by dividing the total annual amount of free allowances applicable for the 2012 and 2013 to 2020 trading periods by the sum of the tonne-kilometre data included in applications by aircraft operators submitted to the Commission. Full details are available on the Commission's [website](#).

Under EU ETS Directive 2008/101/EC, the UK is required to publish the free allocation for each UK operator who submitted tonne-kilometre data. This information is available on the Department of Energy and Climate Change [website](#).

### 2011 Emissions Report Submission

Operators are reminded that they will need to submit a verified emissions report for their 2011 emissions to us by 31 March 2012. We would advise all operators to begin the verification process as soon as possible. A list of accredited verifiers for the aviation sector can be found on the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS) [website](#).

### Emissions Plan Conditions

We have started the process of incorporating and re-issuing emissions plans with the standard list of conditions. If you have already requested a change to your existing plan, this change will be incorporated before your plan is re-issued with the new conditions.

If you have any questions regarding the new conditions please contact us through the [helpdesk](#).

Please note that if your verified 2011 emissions report identifies any non-conformities or misstatements, you must submit an additional report to us by 30 June 2012 to identify how these will be addressed.

### Requesting changes to Emissions Plans

Changes to existing emissions plans should be made through our aviation web-based portal, [ETSWAP Emissaire](#), and in most cases there is no charge for this. Details of when charges are applicable and how to request a change to an existing emissions plan can be found in our updated EU ETS Aviation Frequently Asked Questions document on our [website](#).

We do not need to be informed if your aircraft fleet changes (i.e. change in the number or type of aircraft you operate or change in aircraft registration) during the monitoring year, as this is covered by one of the existing procedures within your approved emissions plan.

### EU ETS Registry

In order to hold and trade allowances from 2013, operators will need to set up an Aircraft Operator Holding Account in the Registry. We will provide details on what documentation we will require, and an update on when these accounts can be opened in the coming months.

### Customer Survey 2011

Next week we will be sending all operators a short survey to find out what you think of the EU ETS Aviation process and the service we provide. This survey will help us identify what we do well and how we could improve the way we work. The survey should take around 10 minutes to complete and will be completely confidential. Your feedback is valuable to us and we would be grateful if you could take the time to complete the survey.

### Further Information

If you have a query regarding EU ETS Aviation please contact the ET Aviation [helpdesk](#).