

European Union Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading System for

Aviation

(Amendment) Regulations, 2024

Overview

The **Climate Action Authority** is Malta's key institution for advancing the country's commitments to mitigating climate change and fostering sustainable practices, operating under the framework of the Climate Action Act (Cap. 643). The Authority has introduced a new Legal Notice (314-2024) under the EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS) to reduce emissions from the aviation sector aligning with EU climate targets.



ALLOCATION OF FREE ALLOWANCES:

- Aircraft operators can apply for annual free allowances for eligible fuel usage through 2030.
- Allocations determined by the Climate Action Authority in line with EU guidelines.

MONITORING AND REPORTING:

- Operators must submit monitoring plans for both CO₂ and non-CO₂ effects starting January 1, 2025.
- Annual emissions reports are required, verified independently, and aligned with EU ETS and CORSIA standards.

OFFSETTING MECHANISMS:

- Establishes obligations for offsetting emissions on specified international routes using CORSIA-compliant credits.
- Operators must cancel units for compliance within designated timelines.

EXEMPTIONS:

- Flights for humanitarian, medical, and certain governmental purposes are exempt from reporting and allowance surrender requirements.

APPEALS AND TRIBUNAL:

- Stakeholders can appeal Climate Action Authority decisions through the Administrative Review Tribunal.

Things to keep in mind

Aircraft Operators:

- Must adapt to stricter monitoring, reporting, and compliance obligations.
- Should evaluate eligibility for free allowances and plan for offsetting requirements under CORSIA.

Government and Policy Makers:

- Ensures alignment with EU and ICAO standards.
- Manages revenue from auctioned allowances and ensures transparent use.

Public and Environmental Groups:

- Gains access to more comprehensive aviation emissions data.
- Can monitor the integration of international and EU climate goals.

Next Steps for Stakeholders:

1. Prepare monitoring and reporting systems for CO₂ and non-CO₂ effects which include impact of oxides of nitrogen, water vapor, and contrails.
2. Identify sources for eligible offsetting credits.

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