

**Universal® received the following message from
Czech Republic Competent Authority on December 10, 2013:**

Czech Republic comments on EC's Proposal (Dec. 10, 2013)

You might have already noticed that European commission recently proposed further changes of the EU ETS to be applied for the time period from 2013 to 2020. The main reason for introducing further changes of EU ETS is to accommodate outcomes agreed at the 38. Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and also further simplify the system itself.

I would like to draw your attention to the new exemption for non-commercial aircraft operators with less than 1000 tons of CO₂ per year. These operators will be excluded from the EU ETS. However, the Commission's proposal is not clear enough whether the new exemption shall be applicable since the year 2013 or 2014 onwards. Most of the EU member states supports the year 2013. The Commission's proposal has been deliberating among EU member states and EU Parliament recently. The proposal has to be agreed by the end of March or by April 2014 at the latest.

Based on the information mentioned above, I would recommend you to finalize the reporting of 2013 emissions at the scope of EU intra flights only. However, until the proposal to change the EU legislation is not finally agreed (March, April 2014), it would be reasonable neither to verify your emission reports by accredited verifiers nor to submit emission reports to the competent authority.

I will inform you further about the developments in this regard.

Please find the Commission proposal attached.

If you might have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards

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Czech Republic