

**Universal® received the following message from the
European Commission on 20 Dec 2011:**

I know that aircraft operators have many questions in relation to registries and opening the accounts. My first and very broad answer is: Please talk to the competent authority of your administering Member State to find out their particular requirements.

To elaborate a bit more:

As of the next year there will be a single European Registry, and all the accounts will be opened in that Registry. There will be no need to open accounts in the national registries.

All operators, which are participants of the EU ETS are required to open a registry account, including those that are not receiving free allowances.

To open the account in the central Registry all operators have to contact national administrators in the competent authorities of their administering MS. Even if Europe has a single registry, the national administrators (competent authorities) will continue to have a role to play - opening of accounts and many other tasks will be performed by national administrators.

The Registries Regulation sets certain rules on the opening of registry accounts. Each Member State however decides on the specific requirements to the operators. For instance the deadline to submit the documents in order to open an account will be set by each Member State. Therefore the questions on the deadlines should be asked to the competent authority.

The Registries Regulation also sets the minimum requirements for the documents to be submitted to the competent authority before opening of the account. Again, Member States have a right to ask for the additional documentation if they find it necessary.

Therefore it is important to get in contact with the national administrator in order to understand the requirements of your administering Member State.

I hope these answers provide some clarity to you.

Kind regards,

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