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Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

I am writing to you this email on behalf of French competent authority responsible for your air operation in the frame of the implementation of the European Emissions Trading Scheme (EU ETS).

The years 2012 and 2013 have seen signification activity as regards EU ETS related to aviation especially with the EU Decision 377/2013/EU « Stop the clock » of 16th April 2013 and the modification of the EU ETS Directive 2003/87/EC aiming at integrating the A38-18 ICAO resolution conclusions in the scheme proposed by the European Commission (EC) on 16th October 2013.

In this framework, **French civil aviation competent authority would like to sincerely thank the aircraft operators (AOs) who complied with the EU ETS requirements on behalf of 2012 emissions.**

The OACI resolution foresees to develop a global market based measures (MBM) to limit CO2 emissions from international aviation. This system is expected to be defined in 2016 during the next ICAO Assembly and to be implemented as of 2020.

The key features of the revised EU ETS system for aviation resulting from the EC proposal would be as follows:

**Geographical scope :**

- 2013 emissions, flights between aerodromes in the European Economic Area (EEA) remain fully covered, as under the original Directive and Decision n° 377/2013/EU.

- From 2014 to 2020 emissions, flights to and from countries outside the EEA would benefit from a general exemption for those emissions that take place outside EEA airspace. Only emissions from the part of flights taking place within the EEA airspace would be included.

## **Exemption**

An annual threshold of 1,000 tCO<sub>2</sub> below which a non commercial aircraft operator would be exempted from the scheme.

## **2013 Requirements are deferred**

Under the proposal, the deadlines for reporting 2013 emissions and for surrendering corresponding allowances would be extended respectively to 31 March 2015 instead of 31 March 2014 (for reporting) and to 30 April 2015 instead of 30 April 2014 (for surrendering).

Notwithstanding, please note that at this stage, it is just a proposal which is therefore not legally binding. It is currently going through the European legislative process. The EC is hoping that the proposal will be agreed by April 2014.

Therefore, Aircraft Operators who would like to, could prepare and submit their 2013 annual emissions report based on the full scope (Annex 1 of the Directive).

Nonetheless, given this whole framework, French civil aviation competent authority would not punish AOs who would not submit their 2013 emissions report by 31st March 2014 nor surrender the corresponding allowances by 30th April 2014.

The ETS unit ([ets.aviation@aviation-civile.gouv.fr](mailto:ets.aviation@aviation-civile.gouv.fr)) is at your disposal should you need any help and will keep you informed as regards the evolution of this legislative process.

With best wishes for the coming year.

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