

Helpful hints for operators assigned to Germany for EU-ETS emissions reporting

Germany requires operators to perform all communications with the DEHSt (Germany's Competent Authority) through the Virtual Post Office (VPS) and attach a Qualified Electronic Signature (QES).

In order to apply a QES to any VPS message, you need 2 things:

- a) A signature card (called "Signaturkarte")
- b) A card reader

How to obtain the TC QSign Signature Card (valid 3 years for €129 plus 19% VAT):

You can order a signature card from Die Elektronische Signatur GmbH, whom you can contact at http://www.die-elektronische-signatur.de/order_signatur.php.

When you call Die Elektronische Signatur GmbH, the customer-support representative will ask you to submit proof of who you are and whom you represent. After you have compiled these, send them to vertrieb@die-elektronische-signatur.de. If everything is in order, Die Elektronische Signatur GmbH will then issue you a coupon code that you will redeem at TrustCenter's website at https://www.trustcenter.de/products/tc_qsign.htm to obtain your card.

How to obtain a card reader:

A list of approved signature cards and readers can be found on the DEHSt website: http://www.dehst.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/EN/Aviation/AV_Card_Reader.pdf?__blob=publicationFile

For more information on aviation EU-ETS, visit EU-ETS.aero. You can also call Adam Hartley at (713) 378-2734, or email him at ahartley@univ-wea.com.