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Iceland releases PHASE III AEM Plan Template and Guidance

Dear Aircraft Operator,

This message is addressed to all the aircraft operators administered by Iceland in the scope of the European Union Emissions Trading System (EU ETS); who might intend to carry out aviation activities covered by the Annex I of the EU-ETS Directive 2003/87/ EC in 2013. It has been sent to you because your e-mail address is listed as a contact for one of these operators.

The EU ETS will enter a new trading period on January 1, 2013, which will last until 2020. According to Directive 2008/101/EC, including aviation activities in the EU ETS, a new Annual Emissions Monitoring Plan (AEM Plan) covering the next trading period (2013-2020) should be submitted by each aircraft operator administrated by Iceland before **September 28, 2012**, and then approved by the Environment Agency of Iceland (EAI) before December 31, 2012.

The submission of the AEM Plan for the next trading period is mandatory for all aircraft operators intending to perform flights covered by the Annex I of the EU ETS Directive from 2013 onwards.

The Monitoring and Reporting Regulation 601/2012/EU (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2012:181:0030:0104:EN:PDF>) of June 21, 2012 impose an update of the template for the AEM Plan for the 2013-2020 period. Most of the sections in the template for the new AEM Plan (for 2013-2020) are identical to the sections in the previous template (for 2010-2012), but requirements have been added, especially regarding procedures for data management and control activity. So, if you have an approved AEM Plan, for 2010-2012, you can reuse most of the monitoring methodologies in the new AEM Plan.

Attached to this e-mail is the template for the new [AEM Plan](#) and a new [Guidance Document](#) for Aircraft Operators. The EAI recommends reading the Guidance Document, as it gives a clear image of the changes in the new template and a holistic picture of the monitoring and reporting in EU ETS.

The EAI recommends that Aircraft Operators keep in mind:

- The current AEMP based on the older template version is and will remain valid for 2012 emissions. Consequently, 2012 emissions reports (submitted before March 31, 2013) will have to be based on the current AEM Plan. The new AEM Plan will only concern emissions of the 2013-2020 trading period and will be used for the first time for the monitoring of the 2013 emissions (Emissions Reports submitted before March 31, 2014).

- The new/updated AEM Plan does NOT need to be verified.
- The new/updated AEM Plan needs to be approved by the EAI.
- Most of the old (2010-2012) AEM Plan can be reused in the new (2013-2020) AEM Plan.
- This is an opportunity to incorporate the recommendations for improvement that may have been listed in your verification opinion statement by your verifier.
- The new/updated AEM Plan should be submitted to the EAI (ets-aviation@ust.is) before **September 28, 2012**.

The EAI hopes this has provided the essential information needed to complete the AEM Plan for trading period 2013-2020. For further information please contact ets-aviation@ust.is

Best regards,

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Bestu kveðjur, Best regards

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