

# EU ETS Registry Newsletter

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**This newsletter contains an update for aircraft operators assigned to the United Kingdom who are required to use the EU ETS Registry for compliance.**

## Free allowance allocations 2013 to 2016

If you are, or previously were due an allocation of free allowances you will have recently been contacted via email. Details of the revised allocations to be issued for the 2013 to 2016 Scheme Years can be found on the GOV.UK website [here](#) under the title 'Free aviation allowances allocation table'. A recalculation has been done in accordance with European Commission guidance following the recent amendment to the EU ETS Directive.

Further information about this can be found in the Commission FAQ's [here](#). If you have a query regarding the allocation, please contact the Aviation [helpdesk](#).

Allowances for the 2013 and 2014 Scheme Years should be allocated to your Aircraft Operator Holding Account (AOHA) shortly after the European Commission has published the allocation decision in October 2014. Free Allowances for the 2015 Scheme Year are due to be allocated in February 2015.

Authorised Representatives (ARs) will receive an automated email from the system once your free allocation has been made. Authorised Representatives can check this by viewing the *Holdings* section in your AOHA.

## Changes to the surrender process

You are now required to have two Authorised Representatives enrolled onto your AOHA. One AR is required to propose the surrender of allowances and the other AR is needed to approve the surrender. If an AAR also exists on the AOHA the surrender transaction will automatically go to the AAR for approval.

We would advise existing ARs to check they can still access the Registry by trying to login and checking they can view their account. If you do not have access, please contact the [Registry helpdesk](#) as soon as possible.

If you have international project credits you will now need to exchange them for allowances before being able to use them for surrendering. This exchange process is performed in the

Registry. The number of credits you can exchange is dependent on your emissions. Your limit is displayed in the *Holdings* section of your AOHA. Kyoto Commitment Period 1 international credits can only be exchanged up to 31 March 2015, after which they become ineligible. We shall be sending further information in the next registry newsletter.

## Opening an AOHA in the UK Registry

If you have reportable emissions for 2013, you are required to have an AOHA as part of the compliance process. If you do not yet have an AOHA, the UK Registry team will contact you in October 2014 to advise you on the next steps. Opening an AOHA can take up to three months due of the requirement to provide a number of identity documents so it is advisable to start the process as soon as possible.

## Preparing your AOHA for compliance

To ensure you have everything ready, you will need the following information when proposing your emissions and surrendering:

- (i) An open AOHA with two enrolled ARs
- (ii) A verifier to approve your proposed emissions in your AOHA (unless you are eligible for and elect to use the simplified reporting approach)
- (iii) Sufficient allowances in your AOHA for surrender to cover your verified emissions. If you don't have enough free allowances to cover your verified emissions you will need to get the balance from a third party. It can take time to purchase allowances, so please make arrangements for the purchase and delivery of allowances into your AOHA in good time
- (iv) A valid mobile phone number. Each AR must have a separate mobile phone number to access the Registry.

## Further Information

If you have any queries please contact the [Registry helpdesk](#) or call us on +44 (0) 1925 542594.

## Aircraft Operator Holding Account (AOHA) status

### Account Status

	What does this mean?	Action required
<b>Open</b>	The AOHA is ready for completing compliance activities	Complete your compliance activities as required
<b>Blocked</b>	You can still carry out updating functions and the AOHA can still be used to receive allowances and complete compliance activities. It cannot be used to move allowances and International Project Credits out of the AOHA to third parties	Complete your compliance activities as required.

### User Status

	What does this mean?	Action required
<b>Registered</b>	You have applied to be appointed to an AOHA and the Registry Team are in the process of determining your application	Wait for the UK Registry Team to contact you with a decision and/or further instructions
<b>Validated</b>	You have been approved for appointment onto an AOHA. You must enter the enrolment key before you can access the account	Enter the enrolment key provided by the UK Registry Team
<b>Enrolled</b>	You have full access to the AOHA and can complete all compliance activities	No actions required other than completing your compliance activities

### Compliance Status

<b>Excluded</b>	<p>You can only perform updating functions to accounts / authorised representatives, or report and surrender for years in which the AOHA was not excluded.</p> <p>Note: You can surrender whilst Excluded in order to cover additional emissions. E.g. If an operator was compliant when excluded and a retrospective increase is made to a previous year's emissions. The operator is then required to surrender further allowances in order to cover the additional emissions reported and become fully compliant.</p> <p>You cannot receive any free allowances through allocation, or move (trade) units out of the account to third parties. You will not be able to exchange International Project Credits (IPCs) for allowances. You can receive allowances and (IPCs) from third parties.</p>	<p>Contact the UK Registry helpdesk if you consider that the flag set against a yearly compliance status is incorrect.</p>
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