

**Universal® received the following message from
the Irish Competent Authority on 30 Aug 2012:**

Opening of Aircraft Operator Holding Account on the Union Registry – IRELAND

Dear Aircraft Operator

This correspondence is issued further to your inclusion on the list of Aircraft Operators administered by Ireland as detailed in Commission Regulation (EC) No 748/2009, as amended. The correspondence provides instructions on how to open an Aircraft Operator Holding Account so that Aircraft Operators can perform their compliance obligations under the EU Emission Trading Scheme (EU-ETS).

Application Guidance Notes on how to open an Aircraft Operator Holding Account are available to download from **Ireland's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)** website at: http://www.epa.ie/downloads/forms/etu/registry/AOHA_Guidance_Notes_IRL_UR30-2.pdf

It is your responsibility to review the application guidance notes and provide the relevant information to Ireland's Registry Team as soon as possible so that we can proceed with opening your account on the Union Registry.

Your Aircraft Operator Holding Account will be administered by Ireland on the Union Registry. Ireland's EPA will be your first point of contact for key administrative tasks related to your account. A national helpdesk (email: ETRAAdmin@epa.ie) is available to assist users.

The legislative framework for the opening of such aircraft operator holding accounts is:

- Commission Regulation (EU) No. 920/2010, and
- Commission Regulation (EU) No. 1193/2011

In accordance with the above referenced legislation, each aircraft operator shall have one Aircraft Operator Holding Account, so that they can perform their compliance obligations under the EU ETS. This includes a requirement to enter verified emissions for 2012 on the Union Registry by **31 March 2013** and a requirement to surrender units covering emissions from 2012 by **30 April 2013**.

You may also use the open AOHA for trading purposes.

Please download and read carefully the *Aircraft Operator Holding Account - Application Guidance Notes* for detailed guidance on opening an account and how to appoint account nominees.

If, having read the Application Guidance Notes, you remain unclear as to how to submit an application please contact us by email at ETRAAdmin@epa.ie

We look forward to receiving your account application.

Regards

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