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EU-ETS Compliance: the Way Forward

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Verification & Accreditation: the ongoing process

- Since September 2005 extensive work on capacity-building on verification and accreditation within the ETS compliance cycle

- Several meetings with MS & stakeholders

- 2 main policy projects: 2007 "Developing a More Coordinated Approach to Verification in the EU ETS" and 2008 "Draft Guidance Note"

Verification & Accreditation: the draft guidance note

- TWG formed to get agreement on elements strategic V&A Guidance
- TWG consists of 20 MS→ four meetings were organized
- First meeting→ agreement on non contentious issues from EA 6/03 and IETA verification protocol and identification of contentious issues
- On 8th of July agreement was reached on most of contentious issues elaborated on in XIII papers
- Next step is to prepare report which contains agreements on contentious issues and highlight non-contentious issues and process comments in paper

- Compliance Conference in September and Verification and Accreditation Forum in November

Agreement on non contentious issues (1)

- Roles and responsibilities parties EU ETS and need to create information feedback loops between those parties

- Verification process elements (pre-contract stage up to issuing VR)

- Relation risk assessment operator and risk analysis verifier practical tool to assess inherent and control risks

- Guidance on sampling and impact RA, magnitude risks on size sample

- Site visits

- Time allocation and practical use man day table under conditions

- Verification report template and need to create IT VR template

Agreement on non contentious issues (2)

- Elements accreditation process and need to set criteria for peer evaluation
- How to deal with misstatements and non-conformities during verification process and how to address these by operator
- Misstatements and non-conformities in VR and how to assess material effect
- Competence process and competence verifier incl role auditors and experts
- Independence and impartiality verifier
- Check timeliness, completeness and content AER and VR by CA (checklist)
- Possibility to officially determine emission figure if no or incorrect AER
- Free movement of verifier and need for conditions on mutual acceptance in line with services directive (i.e. supervision and notification)

Main contentious issues

- What information to exchange precisely between parties ETS
- Improvement and assessment man day table
- Criteria for waiving site visits
- Extent to which independent review can be waived for single verifiers and to which single verifiers will be allowed in future
- Common exams and competence requirements ISO 14066 compared to EA 6/03 requirements
- When and to what extent detailed review of AER and VR by CA
- Common conditions for mutual acceptance foreign verifiers
- How to officially determine emission figures and how to provide a framework for this in MRG and Directive
- Further elaboration of ISO 17011 in accreditation scheme
- Common competence requirements for accreditation assessors and peer evaluators (PE)
- development common exams and training for assessors/ PE
- Key performance indicators assessors/ verifiers and PE
- Criteria peer evaluation process

Strategic approach towards 2012

- Development report V&A guidance and papers
- Discuss work on verification and accreditation program
- Structure and planning for V&A forums (i.e. relation with Compliance Forum communication, involvement stakeholders)
- Work out issues identified as contentious and issues that need further action (i.e. checklists, verification templates etc.) → Compliance Forum
- Exchange information and best practices through forums and in ICAP context
- Make connection with IT development and include verification and accreditation (XETL etc.)
- Inclusion other sectors such as Aviation & CCS and assess impact on verification and accreditation
- Develop EU Commission verification and accreditation guidance for second trading period
- Involve non EA members and make transition to Accreditation Regulation easier

Article 15 revision EU ETS Directive Commission prerogative to draft Regulation on verification and accreditation

- Regulation direct effect which requires clear cut rules
- Main verification requirements, role CA in verification and mutual acceptance in V&A regulation
- Update Annex V EU ETS Directive required to provide correct legal basis
- Referral to Accreditation Regulation as the legal basis for EU ETS accreditation scheme
- Accreditation Regulation provides general framework which needs to be elaborated further