

2012 EU ETS Compliance Forum Event

Compliance Challenges for 2013 and Beyond

Making it Simpler, more Efficient, more Effective

7 & 8 February 2012 – Conference Centre Borschette, Rue Froissart 36, Brussels

Introduction

The European Union Emissions Trading Scheme (EU-ETS) was established by EU Directive 2003/87/EC and started on 1 January 2005. The Directive was revised in 2009 in order to accommodate a number of changes and improvements for the third trading period from 2013 to 2020. These changes were aimed, among other things, at strengthening the compliance related requirements of the Directive, reflecting common understanding that indeed “compliance” is the backbone of emissions trading.

The first EU ETS Compliance Conference in September 2008 recommended the setting up of an ***EU ETS Compliance Forum***, and on 29 January 2009 the establishment of the Forum was endorsed by the Climate Change Committee. Aim of the Compliance Forum is to provide a robust platform for the exchange of information and cooperation between Member States’ Competent Authorities (CAs). Subsequent conferences in 2009 and 2010 built on the experiences and success of the 1st Compliance Conference and all three conferences reflected on how to improve and make compliance with the EU ETS requirements more uniform, more harmonised and more consistently understood.

This 2012 EU ETS Compliance Forum Event will focus on the implementation of the two new regulations for EU ETS Monitoring and Reporting (MR), and Accreditation and Verification (AV), and on the guidance documents as well as other supporting material that will be developed during 2012. The main objective of this event will be to provide information to all Member States that builds on the efforts that have been made in both regulations to clarify, strengthen, harmonize and simplify required compliance practices. In line with the Compliance Forum Event motto presentations will highlight the planned development of guidance material, templates, exemplars and frequently asked questions in order to support the simple, efficient and effective implementation of both the MR and the AV regulation.

The Commission plans to establish two Technical Working Groups (TWGs) to help provide input and guide the development of this guidance and supporting material. Furthermore, the Compliance Forum Task Forces will be invited to provide concrete technical expertise and propose technical solutions to also integrate into the required guidance and tools. During the event views will be exchanged on the way the interaction between the TWGs initiated for the two regulations and Compliance Forum Task Force activities will be organized. Finally, this Compliance Forum Event will provide opportunity to present the outcomes of other projects and activities carried out by the Commission and reported by the Task Forces in relation to strengthening the EU ETS compliance chain for the second and third trading periods.

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The aim regarding the MR Regulation is to acquaint at least Member State Competent Authorities with the main improvements and refinements, including in relation to monitoring plan requirements, the streamlining of procedures and additional provisions to improve and simplify the compliance requirements especially for installations of low emission and small emitters in the case of aviation. Competent Authority understanding of the available provisions is vital for maximising efficient and effective implementation. Participants of this Forum Event will also be fully informed of the requirements of the new AV Regulation and what this regulation will mean for the verification of emission reports, the accreditation and mutual recognition of verifiers, the requirements for the Accreditation Bodies, and the exchange of information between Competent Authorities, Verifiers, and Accreditation Bodies.

The 2012 EU ETS Compliance Forum Event will concentrate on raising awareness of the guidance documentation, templates, exemplars and FAQ planned to assist Member States in the uniform interpretation and implementation of these regulations.

Organisation: This 2012 Compliance Forum Event will consist of five main sessions: The morning of Day I will provide for a plenary introduction and discussions of the MR Regulation and the development plan for supplementary guidance material, whereas the afternoon will be solely devoted to the AV Regulation, the guidance documents to be developed and the requirements for information exchange between Competent Authorities, Accreditation Bodies, verifiers and the European co-operation for Accreditation (EA). Both sessions will also address aviation specific topics such as the outcome of the review of aviation emission reports by Competent Authorities. Three plenary sessions are scheduled for Day II, all directed towards provisions and mechanisms available under the two new Regulations for making compliance and enforcement simpler, more efficient and more effective. The first plenary session on Day II will be dedicated to the simplified requirements for installations of low emissions and small emitters concerning aviation. The use of electronic reporting and the development of XETL as well as plans for the governance and procedures for changing XETL will be presented in the second plenary session of that morning. In the afternoon session the results of the Compliance Cycle evaluation project and the Peer Review project will be outlined with view to showcasing good practices that can be carried forward, as well as hearing Member State proposals for greater coordination of enforcement approaches.

Deliverables The main deliverable of this 2012 Compliance Forum Event will be a well-structured Work Plan for the actions and activities in 2012-2013, including the main activities expected of the Task Forces with focus on the activities in the first half year of 2012. These activities are mainly dedicated to supporting the development of guidance documents that will assist Member State Competent Authorities in the practical implementation of the two new regulations.

Location The two day event will be held in the Albert Borschette Conference Building in Brussels. Both days will consist of video supported plenary sessions that will allow participants to attend, but also enable a wider audience of Competent Authority staff in the Member States to follow the Compliance Forum event presentations and discussions.

Representatives of the Member States and Competent Authorities are kindly invited to confirm their participation in the 2012 Compliance Forum Event directly to Ms. Eleni Lazaridou (Eleni.LAZARIDOU@ec.europa.eu coping CLIMA-ETS-Compliance-Conference@ec.europa.eu). Please contact Ms. Lazaridou also in case an arrangement needs to be established for video supported connection. Furthermore, participants to the event are strongly advised to print and bring with them the invitation letter and agenda to show to security of the Centre Borschette. Without these documents admission cannot be guaranteed.

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Day I - Tuesday 7 February 2012

09.00	Registration at the Borschette Centre - Brussels
09.30	Introduction and brief outline of the Day I Programme by the Day Chair, Ms Yvon Slingenberg, DG CLIMA, head of Unit B1, Implementation of ETS
09.45	Key Note Address: Ms Mary Veronica Tovsak Pleterski, DG CLIMA, Director European & International Carbon Markets
10.00	Session I - MR Regulation & Guidance
	Part I: Introduction of the MR Regulation and Guidance development for Installations and Aviation <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Main developments in the MR Regulation by Rob Gemmill (DG CLIMA, Unit A3)▪ Planned development of guidance documents and other supporting material to the new MR Regulation by the Commission's consultant, Hubert Fallmann (UBA, AT)▪ Addressing Questions from the Audience
11.30	Coffee Break
-	Part II: Responses from the Member States and Discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ TF-I MR - Lisa Buchner (DE- DEHSt) -TF-I Work Plan in view of Guidance to MRR▪ MP Template and Aviation Issues- Andrew Matterson (UK-EA)▪ TF-II Aviation - Saviour Vassallo (MT-MRA) TF- II Aviation Work Plan and Review of AO's emission reports▪ Sampling plan and Frequency of Analysis Requirements building on the 2007 ETSG Note - by Johan Bogren (SE-EPA)▪ Panel Discussion and Responses from the audience
12.45	Formulation of conclusions by the Day Chair
13.00	Lunch

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14.30	Session II - AV Regulation and Guidance
	<p>Part I : Introduction of the AV Regulation and Guidance development related to Installations and Aviation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Introduction of the objectives and innovative elements in the new AV Regulation by Marco Loprieno (DG CLIMA, Unit A3)▪ Planned development of guidance documents & other supporting material to the AV Regulation by the Commission's consultant, Machtelt Oudenis (SQ Consult, NL).▪ Addressing Questions from the Audience
15.30	Tea Break
16.00	<p>Part II : Responses by stakeholders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Outline of the proposed role of the EA to support in the development of guidance and implementation of the AV Regulation by Niels-Christian Dalstrup (European cooperation for Accreditation)▪ Information exchange between ABs', CA's and verifiers, CA perspective by Edyta Burger (NL-NEa)▪ Outline of the UK Verification Report and the adjustments foreseen in view of the new AV-R requirements by Lucy Candlin (Co-Chair UK-ETG Working group on MRV and the lead on its sub-group on AVR)▪ Competent Authority's feedback to verifiers regarding AO emission reports Marc Kierans (IE-EPA)▪ Discussion and Recommendations of Session II
17.15	Formulation of Conclusions by the Day Chair
17.30	Cocktail Reception (close 19.00)

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Day II - Wednesday 8 February 2012

09.30	Opening of Day II and outlining the Programme by the Day Chair, Ms Nathalie Creste-Manservigi, DG CLIMA, head of Unit A3
09.35	<p>Session III: Making Compliance Simpler</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Introducing the objectives and outline of the MR and AV provisions to make compliance simpler, yet efficient and effective by Rob Gemmill (DG CLIMA, A3) ▪ Simplified monitoring and verification procedures - R.Z. Sørensen (DK - DEA) ▪ National coordination of CAs in accordance with MR-R requirements and information exchange in accordance with AV Regulation Tomasz Karpinsky (PL-Kobize) ▪ Introduction of EU-ETS Support Facility (ETS-SF) and the Small Emitters Tool (SET) developed by Eurocontrol and how these tools will assist CAs to ensure compliance with the MR-R and AV-R requirements, Stefano Mancini (Eurocontrol) ▪ Discussion and conclusions on way forward
11.00	Coffee Break
11.15	<p>Session IV: E-Reporting to make Compliance more Efficient and Effective</p> <p>Introduction of the latest developments on E-Reporting in relation to EU ETS compliance and presenting the outcomes of the recently completed ETERP project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Objectives of the ETERP project by Rob Gemmill (DG CLIMA, A3) ▪ Introduction to the ETERP project and possible future scenarios for establishing common development and cooperation between MS by Neal Muusze (NL - PwC) ▪ Introducing the ETSWAP project developed in the UK -Andrew Matterson (UK-EA) ▪ ETS Workflow and E-reporting in Finland - Jarno Ilme (FI - EMVI) ▪ Discussion of possible next steps and priorities in the Work Plan 2012-2013 <p><i>UK and FI will give practical demonstrations of their E-Reporting systems and answer technical questions in the conference room. Participants will be able to discuss their own needs and options for common and shared development.</i></p>
13.00	Lunch
14.30	<p>Session V: Solutions to report and improve Compliance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Short Introduction to completed projects and plans for the future (COM) ▪ Findings of the Compliance Cycle Evaluation Project, by the Commission's consultant Sina Wartmann (DE - Ecofys) ▪ Peer Review project and its findings by member of the Review Team - Getlyn Makke (ministry of Environment if Estonia) ▪ Evaluation of ETS Aviation Workshops and steps to strengthen compliance through common approaches, Yvonne-Christine Schmidt (DG CLIMA,B3) ▪ Discussion
16.00	Wrapping-up & Conclusions by the Chair and Formulation of Next Steps
16.15	Closing Remarks by Mr Artur Runge-Metzger, Director International & Climate Strategy

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