12th EU ETS Compliance Conference

Task Force Accreditation and Verification

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Main objectives of TF AV

- Share experiences on AV issues and learn from each other

- Provide input into Commission projects (e.g. review AVR, guidances)

- TF meetings, email exchange

- EA ETS network group represented in TF meetings

Benefits of participation in TF:

- Better understanding of AVR requirements and of the roles of CA, verifier and NAB

- Reduces barriers to contact colleagues in other MS

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Main activities in 2021

- TF AV shared experiences on the implementation of the AVR, most specifically on:

  - *Verification of biomass, issues related to verification of CORSIA data*

  - *Experiences on virtual site visits and verification of annual activity level reports*

- TF AV sent out two questionnaires – results have been presented in TF meetings

  - *Verification of EU ETS and CORSIA data*

  - *Experiences on virtual site visits and the review of annual activity level reports*

- EA gave regular updates on developments in accreditation and surveillance of verifiers

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Summary of AV break out session

- AV break out discussed on time allocation in verification of annual activity level data:

  - *Inability to extend the ALCR deadline beyond 31 March 2022 might proof challenging*

  - *It is important to plan verification in time (different stages) and well (obtaining a good understanding of the installation in the strategic analysis)*

  - *It will likely be very difficult to change the deadline in the legislation but perhaps it can be explored whether MS can extend the deadline in 2022 on an individual basis*

  - *Other measures could be more effective: option of hybrid site visits in the verification, timely planning, familiarity with the rules*

- AV break out discussed the role of the verifier in verification of biomass

  - *Sweden has developed guidance on biomass which could be of interest in further development of harmonised guidance*

Summary of AV break out session

- *AV break out discussion identified implementation challenges and guidance needs on the role of the verifier. These issues have been noted down and will be further discussed in the TF AV and shared as input for Commission guidance*

- *There is a need to coordinate on this topic with the TF MR as interpretation of the biomass rules is relevant for both M&R and A&V*

- *REDII verifiers require different competence rules than EU ETS verifiers and work under different accreditation schemes*

- AV break out discussed verifier's capacity and competence for phase IV

  - *Train verifiers and operators to increase competence and capacity. TF AV can exchange information on training mechanisms: e.g. webinars*

  - *Consider feasible deadlines when designing new ETS schemes and drafting new legislation. Verification is seasonal work and verifier capacity can be a problem if the same deadlines are chosen*

Looking towards 2022

- Continue to share experiences, provide input in COM projects and coordinate with EA

- Suggestions for topics are welcome → Likely topics include:

  - *Verification of biomass and the role of the verifier*

  - *CORSIA verification and EU ETS*

  - *Experiences on the review of AERs and annual activity level data*

  - *Improving guidance on data sampling*

  - *Start exploring impact fit for 55 package on verification (sharing high level views as consultation with European Parliament and Council evolves)*

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Thank you

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