

Report from Breakout Session IV Inspection & Enforcement for AOs

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Topics covered

- Ismael (CION): ICAO GMBM and its implications for EU
 - Adoption of CORSIA: ongoing assessment;
 - Proposal early 2017 for co-decision adoption early 2018.
- Hubert (UBA AT): Overview of revisions to GD2 General Guidance for AOs
 - Decision tree for including AOs, determining small emitters;
 - Updated guidance on accounting for emissions from biofuels.
- Mladen (UK; Avt-TF Chair): Summary of 2015 reporting survey results
 - Overview of compliance with reporting obligations;
 - High rate of compliance (92%);
 - Top issues: debt recovery, Eurocontrol (data mgt), future of EU ETS.
- Mohamed (CION): Special reserve
 - Majority of allocation figures validated (4 pending);
 - Annual amount = (2013-16 intra-EEA + 2017-20 [?-scope]) / 4.
- *Marc (NL):* Recovering debts arising from enforcement
 - "Relatively easy" if AO is based within MS;
 - "Practically impossible" outside EU.





ICAO GMBM and its implications

- Main discussion points
 - Issuance of free allowances in 2017: intra-EEA or full scope?
 - DE proposal to postpone surrender in respect of 2016 emissions;
 - State of play of CION proposal in respect of Aviation-ETS Directive?
 - What will happen post-2020?
- Conclusions
 - Timely conclusion of the EU legislative process is crucial;
 - Support for DE proposal.
- Recommendations
 - To keep ICAO GMBM and its impact on Aviation-EU ETS as a standing item on agenda of the Aviation TF;
 - Call for more communication between CION and MSs on future of Aviation-EU ETS.





Update of GD2

- Main discussion points
 - Accounting for biofuel use was the main topic of interest.
- Conclusions
 - Need to ensure clarity regarding accounting for biofuel use.
- Recommendations
 - Member States urged to provide written comments on the 2nd draft of the revised GD2 (distributed 7th November), by 28 November.





2015 Reporting survey results

- Main discussion points
 - Recognition of difficulties encountered by MSs to get AOs to comply with EU ETS and/or enforce in cases of non-compliance;
 - In case of bankruptcy or AOs ceasing activities to/from EU: when does a MS stop enforcement procedures?
 - What 'tools' are available to MSs to enforce compliance?
- Conclusions
 - Enforcement actions are limited by their inherent difficulties (see also discussion on debt recovery).
- Recommendations
 - Potential 'tools' to explore further:
 - Use existing blacklist mechanism?
 - Use IATA as a means of contacting AOs?





Special reserve allocations

- Main discussion points
 - What will MSs issue in 2017?
- Conclusions
 - CION: for 2017, propose issuance of SR allocation related to intra EEA scope for 2 years.
- Recommendations
 - Greater clarity required on what to issue in 2017;
 - Call for clarity to be provided in some legal form.





Debt recovery

- Main discussion points
 - Debt recovery is fraught with problems, practical and legal;
 - Costs relating to debt recovery can be high;
 - Are there mechanisms to assist MSs in debt recovery?
- Conclusions
 - Naming-and-shaming blacklist?
 - But political and legal considerations to keep in mind.
- Recommendations
 - MSs may wish to consider coordinating a press-based campaign on enforcement.





Thank you to all participants.

