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The Swiss Emissions Trading System -Monitoring, Reporting and Verification of non-CO₂ effects

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1. General remarks

Aircraft operators are subject to the Swiss Emissions Trading system (ETS) since 2020.

As of January 1st, 2025, aircraft operators under the Swiss ETS have obligations with respect to the monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV) of non-CO₂ climate effects of their flights.

2. Legal basis

Federal Act on the Reduction of CO₂ Emissions (CO₂ Act, in particular Article 20) as in force from the 1st of January 2025.

Ordinance on the Reduction of CO₂ Emissions (CO₂ Ordinance; in particular Annex 16 and Annex 17) as in force from the 1st of January 2025.

3. Non-CO₂ Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) from 2025

Monitoring Plan: Aircraft operators are required to establish a monitoring plan for the climate effects of non-CO₂ emissions occurring after the 1st of January 2025 and submit it to the competent authority in their administering state according to the aircraft operators attribution list published by the European Commission for approval. To this end, they shall use the template provided by the Federal Office for the Environment (for operators administrated by Switzerland) or by the European Commission (for operators administered by a State of the European Economic Area).

Emissions Report: Subsequent to the monitoring throughout the year 2025 according to the monitoring plan, aircraft operators are required to report the non-CO₂ climate effects of their flights for the first time by 31 March 2026. They shall use the templates that will be provided by the Federal Office for the Environment and the European Commission.

4. Additional Notes

The European Commission will provide an IT tool called "Non-CO₂ Aviation Effects Tracking System" (NEATS) to simplify and automatise the monitoring and reporting process. At the end of the reporting year, NEATS will generate a report which needs to be submitted to the competent authority.

Please note that there is no requirement to surrender ETS allowances for the reported non-CO₂ effects according to the above-mentioned legal basis.

URL: https://www.bafu.admin.ch/bafu/en/home/topics/climate/info-specialists/reductionmeasures/ets/aviation.html

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