
User Guidelines

European Union Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading System for Aviation Transport (Amendment) Regulations, 2025

Introduction

European Union Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading System for Maritime Transport (Amendment) Regulations, 2025 continue to transpose Directive (EU) 2023/958 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 May 2023 amending Directive 2003/87/EC as regards aviation's contribution to the Union's economy-wide emission reduction target and the appropriate implementation of a global market-based measure. The aim of the amending legal notice is to correct cosmetic omissions and/or errors in the transposition via SL. 643.03, and thus provide legal certainty.

Sectors covered by these regulations

The Legal Notice is relevant to aircraft operators i.e. persons who operate an aircraft at the time it performs an aviation activity listed in Schedule 1 or Schedule 1A of SL. 643.03, or where that person is not known or is not identified by the owner of the aircraft, the owner of the aircraft.

Overview of the obligations

Regulation 2 amends the definition of 'aircraft operator' in regulation 2 of SL 643.03 by correcting an omitted reference to Schedule 1A which relates to aviation activities in the context of ICAO's CORSIA (Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation).

Regulation 3 installs a new sub-regulation (3) exactly after regulation 4(2) of SL 643.03. The clause ensures that aircraft operators who benefit from the Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) support mechanism, i.e. free aviation emissions allowances to cover, in part or in full, the price differential between jet kerosene and SAFs, publicise the source of support received.

Compliance with the amendment regulations

The Climate Action Authority shall ensure compliance with these Regulations

Further Information

Further guidance may be obtained from the Climate Action Authority on ets.caa@climateaction.gov.mt and/or by contacting +356 2385 0500.