

Environment Agency charge proposals for greenhouse gas emissions

Consultation response form

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We are the Environment Agency. We protect and improve the environment.

We help people and wildlife adapt to climate change and reduce its impacts, including flooding, drought, sea level rise and coastal erosion.

We improve the quality of our water, land and air by tackling pollution. We work with businesses to help them comply with environmental regulations. A healthy and diverse environment enhances people's lives and contributes to economic growth.

We can’t do this alone. We work as part of the Defra group (Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs), with the rest of government, local councils, businesses, civil society groups and local communities to create a better place for people and wildlife.

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## Introduction

Climate change has been recognised as one of the biggest threats to current life on earth. Increased levels of atmospheric pollutants such as carbon dioxide have contributed to increased temperatures not just on land, but in the seas and oceans as well. This is contributing to rising sea levels and extremes in temperature, impacting the health of humans, animals and plants.

Part of our role is to regulate these emissions through the UK Emissions Trading Scheme (UK ETS). This scheme places a cap on the levels of greenhouse gases that can be emitted into the atmosphere. Permits are issued to operators who qualify for the scheme. Operators must monitor and report their emissions on an annual basis, surrendering allowances equal to their emissions. UK ETS continues to expand to cover other greenhouse gas emissions from an increasing number of sectors.

This consultation sets out the updated charges proposed for UK ETS customers, as well as customers of the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA), and charges for the UK’s Kyoto Protocol national registry (the national registry). It also sets out charge proposals for areas of UK ETS expansion.

The consultation document outlines our proposed charging structure for regulating UK ETS which also includes both the UK ETS and KP national registries and CORSIA. We regulate the UK ETS and national registries for the whole of the UK. We have outlined the proposed new charging structure in a way to help you understand all the changes.

We would like to know whether you agree with our proposals and would appreciate any suggestions you have on making them fairer in any way.  We propose to:

* revise the existing charging scheme for UK ETS installations, aviation and the registry
* incorporate the energy from waste and waste incineration sector into the UK ETS installation regime
* introduce charges for the UK ETS maritime regime as per the [UK ETS Authority consultation](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/uk-ets-scope-expansion-maritime-sector) dated 28 November 2024 which sets out who will regulate this sector under the UK ETS
* adjust existing charges for CORSIA as well as introducing separate charges for aeroplane operators registered for both schemes regulated under both UK ETS and CORSIA
* adjust the charges to the national registry in line with the changes made for the UK ETS registry trading accounts

We do not intend to update the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) project activity charges.

We would like you to share your views so that we can understand the impacts and benefits, as you consider them, of the proposals outlined in this consultation. We would also like to hear any suggestions on how we can improve these proposals.

### How to respond to this consultation

This consultation will run for 8 weeks from 29 November 2024 to 24 January 2025. You can view the consultation document, questions and supporting documents using the Citizen Space online consultation tool (<https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/environment-and-business/ets>).

**Please use this form if you are responding by email or post rather than online,** referring to the consultation document for the full details of our proposed charges. Specific pages are indicated to provide the background needed for each question. Please complete the questions and where there are free text boxes give as much information as possible to support your answers.

To return this response form or to request a hard copy of the consultation document and/or response form, please contact us by email: [GHGTeam@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:GHGTeam@environment-agency.gov.uk?subject=Charges%20consultation:%20ETS)

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### Consultation principles

We are running this consultation in accordance with the guidance set out in the government's [consultation principles](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/consultation-principles-guidance).

If you have any complaints about the way this consultation has been carried out (the process), please email [consultation.enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:consultation.enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk?subject=Charges%20consultation:%20ETS). Otherwise, for all other queries relating to this consultation please email [GHGTeam@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:GHGTeam@environment-agency.gov.uk?subject=Charges%20consultation:%20ETS).

### How we will use your information

We will publish our response on both GOV.UK and Citizen Space within 12 weeks of this consultation closing and before we implement any changes. It will include a summary of the comments and queries we received.

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#### Can we publish your response? We will not include personal information.

In line with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we may be required to publish your response to this consultation but will not include any personal information. If you would like anything in your response to be kept confidential, please tell us what information you would like to be kept as confidential and explain your reasons for confidentiality. If you have requested your response to be kept confidential, we may still be required to provide a summary of it.

The Environment Agency is the data controller for the personal data you provide. For more information on how we deal with your personal data please see our [personal information charter on GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency/about/personal-information-charter).

You can email our Data Protection team: [dataprotection@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:dataprotection@environment-agency.gov.uk).

Can we publish your response?

Please tick one of the following:

Yes

No

If you answered no, please tell us why below as we will need to understand this when responding to any Freedom of Information requests.

To help us when we come to analyse the consultation responses, we would like you to answer a few questions about you or about your organisation if you are responding on their behalf.

#### Please tell us if you are responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation or group.

Please choose one of the following:

a) responding as an individual

b) responding on behalf of an organisation or group

c) other

If you selected (b) ‘responding on behalf of an organisation or group’, please tell us the name of your organisation or group:

If you selected (c) 'other' please specify:

**Which UK ETS scheme do you participate in**

a) Stationary installation

b) Aviation

c) Maritime

d) Registry traders

e) Do not participate in UK ETS

If you answered (a) ‘stationary installation’ please select the most relevant sector from the options below:

Combustion

Mineral oil refining

Iron, stell and ferrous

Cement and lime

Manufacturing of glass and similar

Ceramics

Paper and pulp

Aluminium and non-ferrous

Chemical industry and other sectors

Energy from waste and or waste incineration process

Hospital

Small energy emitter

#### Please tell us how you found out about this consultation:

from Environment Agency

from another organisation

through an organisation, group, or trade association you are a member of

press article

social media, for example, Facebook

through a meeting you attended

other (please specify)

If you selected *other* please tell us how you found out about the consultation

## UK ETS charge proposals: installations

*Please refer to pages 9 to 14 of the consultation document (UK ETS charge proposals: installations)*

### UK ETS installations permit application charge

#### Question 1: Do you agree or disagree with the proposed change to the permit application charge for UK ETS installations?

Please choose one of the following:

strongly agree

agree

neither agree nor disagree

disagree

strongly disagree

do not know

not applicable

Why do you think this?

### UK ETS installations subsistence charges

#### Question 2: Do you agree or disagree with the proposed change to the annual subsistence charges for UK ETS installations?

Please choose one of the following:

strongly agree

agree

neither agree nor disagree

disagree

strongly disagree

do not know

not applicable

Why do you think this?

### UK ETS installations supplementary charges

#### Question 3: Do you agree or disagree with the changes to the proposed transfer, surrender and revocation charges for UK ETS installations?

Please choose one of the following:

strongly agree

agree

neither agree nor disagree

disagree

strongly disagree

do not know

not applicable

Why do you think this?

#### Question 4: Do you agree or disagree with the change to the allocation from new entrant reserve charge for UK ETS installations?

Please choose one of the following:

strongly agree

agree

neither agree nor disagree

disagree

strongly disagree

do not know

not applicable

Why do you think this?

#### Question 5: Do you agree or disagree with the proposed change to the charge for increase to emissions target for hospitals and small emitters?

Please choose one of the following:

strongly agree

agree

neither agree nor disagree

disagree

strongly disagree

do not know

not applicable

Why do you think this?

## UK ETS charge proposals: waste installations

*Please refer to pages 14 to 17 of the consultation document (**UK ETS charge proposals: waste installations charges)*

#### Question 6: Do you agree or disagree with the proposed charges for permit applications for the MRV transition period into UK ETS, for energy from waste and waste incineration installations?

Please choose one of the following:

strongly agree

agree

neither agree nor disagree

disagree

strongly disagree

do not know

not applicable

Why do you think this?

#### Question 7: Do you agree or disagree with the proposed charges for annual subsistence for the MRV transition period into UK ETS, for energy from waste and waste incineration installations?

Please choose one of the following:

strongly agree

agree

neither agree nor disagree

disagree

strongly disagree

do not know

not applicable

Why do you think this?

## UK ETS charge proposals: maritime

*Please refer to pages 17 to 19 of the consultation document (UK ETS charge proposals: maritime)*

### UK ETS maritime charges

#### Question 8: Do you agree or disagree with the proposed application charge for UK ETS maritime?

Please choose one of the following:

strongly agree

agree

neither agree nor disagree

disagree

strongly disagree

do not know

not applicable

Why do you think this?

#### Question 9: Do you agree or disagree with the proposed annual subsistence charge for UK ETS maritime?

Please choose one of the following:

strongly agree

agree

neither agree nor disagree

disagree

strongly disagree

do not know

not applicable

Why do you think this?

#### Question 10: Do you agree or disagree with the proposed determination hourly rate for UK ETS maritime?

Please choose one of the following:

strongly agree

agree

neither agree nor disagree

disagree

strongly disagree

do not know

not applicable

Why do you think this?

## UK ETS charge proposals: aviation and CORSIA

*Please refer to pages 19 to 23 of the consultation document (UK ETS charge proposals: aviation and CORSIA)*

#### Question 11: Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to apply separate charges for operators who participate in both UK ETS aviation and CORSIA regimes?

Please choose one of the following:

yes

no

do not know

not applicable

Why do you think this?

### UK ETS aviation charges

#### Question 12: Do you agree or disagree with the proposed change to the application charge for an emissions monitoring plan for UK ETS aviation?

Please choose one of the following:

strongly agree

agree

neither agree nor disagree

disagree

strongly disagree

do not know

not applicable

Why do you think this?

#### Question 13: Do you agree or disagree with the proposed change to the subsistence charge for UK ETS aviation?

Please choose one of the following:

strongly agree

agree

neither agree nor disagree

disagree

strongly disagree

do not know

not applicable

Why do you think this?

### CORSIA charges

#### Question 14: Do you agree or disagree with the proposed change to the emissions monitoring plan application charge for CORSIA?

Please choose one of the following:

strongly agree

agree

neither agree nor disagree

disagree

strongly disagree

do not know

not applicable

Why do you think this?

#### Question 15: Do you agree or disagree with the proposed change to the annual subsistence charge for CORSIA?

Please choose one of the following:

strongly agree

agree

neither agree nor disagree

disagree

strongly disagree

do not know

not applicable

Why do you think this?

## UK ETS and national registries

*Please refer to pages 23 to 26 of the consultation document (UK ETS and national registries)*

#### Question 16: Do you agree or disagree with the change to the proposed charge for an application for a trading account or a person holding account in the registry?

Please choose one of the following:

strongly agree

agree

neither agree nor disagree

disagree

strongly disagree

do not know

not applicable

Why do you think this?

#### Question 17: Do you agree or disagree with the change to the proposed charge for additional or replacement authorised representatives for a new user in the registry?

Please choose one of the following:

strongly agree

agree

neither agree nor disagree

disagree

strongly disagree

do not know

not applicable

Why do you think this?

#### Question 18: Do you agree or disagree with the change to the proposed charge for additional or replacement authorised representatives for an existing user in the registry?

Please choose one of the following:

strongly agree

agree

neither agree nor disagree

disagree

strongly disagree

do not know

not applicable

Why do you think this?

#### Question 19: Do you agree or disagree with the change to the proposed charge for the registry annual subsistence charge?

Please choose one of the following:

strongly agree

agree

neither agree nor disagree

disagree

strongly disagree

do not know

not applicable

Why do you think this?

#### Question 20: Do you agree or disagree with the introduction of a proposed charge for an authorised representative with surrender and return only permissions for the registry?

Please choose one of the following:

strongly agree

agree

neither agree nor disagree

disagree

strongly disagree

do not know

not applicable

Why do you think this?

## Additional comments about the UK ETS charge proposals

Question 21: Please share any additional comments that you think may help us improve our current proposals for UK ETS.

END of CONSULTATION

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