



CH-3003 Bern, GS-DETEC

Addressees

As per enclosed list

Bern, 10. MAI 2012

Consultation:

Ordinance on the Acquisition of Data on Tonne-Kilometres performed by Aircraft

Dear Sir or Madam,

Switzerland and the EU are currently conducting negotiations on linking their emission trading schemes (ETS). These negotiations also include measures to limit the level of CO₂ emissions in the civil aviation sector. The revised CO₂ Act of 23 December 2011, which is scheduled to enter into force on 1 January 2013, authorises the Federal Council to require aircraft operators to participate in the Swiss emissions trading scheme.

The Federal Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications (DETEC) wishes to emphasise that the above-mentioned Ordinance does not envisage the integration of civil aviation into the emissions trading scheme, but is solely intended to regulate the advance acquisition of data in order to secure the rapid implementation of a measure that has yet to be decided. The acquisition of tonne-kilometre data will take place from 1 January 2013 provided that the negotiations with the EU on the emissions trading scheme can be concluded in the near future. If the conclusion of the negotiations is delayed, the Federal Council will postpone the acquisition of tonne-kilometre data. When making its decision, the Federal Council will take account of international developments concerning the introduction of global measures to limit CO₂ emissions from civil aviation.

DETEC is conducting a consultation process on the draft Ordinance with the stakeholders and interest groups concerned. The draft document for your perusal can be obtained from the following web site:

<http://www.admin.ch/ch/d/gg/pc/pendent>

The consultation procedure will be concluded on 30 June 2012.

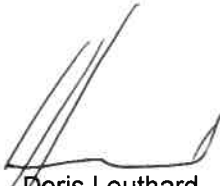
Please address your comments by the above date to the Federal Office for the Environment, Climate Policy Section, Thomas Bucheli, CH-3003 Bern, or via e-mail to thomas.bucheli@bafu.admin.ch. Should you have any questions, Thomas Bucheli (Federal Office for the Environment, phone no. +41 31 325 38 15) or Catherine Marthe (Federal Office of Civil Aviation, phone no. +41 31 325 80 66) will be pleased to assist you.

We would also like to draw your attention to the fact that the consultation on the Ordinance of the revised CO₂ Act is also currently taking place. The CO₂ Ordinance contains the provisions for the implementation of the Swiss emissions trading scheme. The possible integration of civil aviation into this scheme is a matter currently being negotiated with the EU, and for this reason it is not regulated in the Ordinance. The corresponding provisions of the Ordinance and any amendments to legislation that may be required will be formulated as part of the ratification process for the bilateral agreement on the linking of the two emissions trading schemes.

The consultation documentation relating to the CO₂ Ordinance may be obtained from the following web site: <http://www.admin.ch/ch/f/gg/pc/pendent>.

Thank you in advance for your valuable cooperation.

Yours Faithfully,



Doris Leuthard
Federal Councillor

Enclosures:

- Draft version of Ordinance
- Explanatory report
- List of addressees