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The Commission is aware of the expiry of the derogation under Article 28a(1) point (a) of the EU Emissions Trading System (ETS) Directive¹. Its proposal for the revision of the ETS Directive addresses airlines' compliance with their ETS obligations. Aircraft operators must surrender their allowances for emissions from 2027 by end of September 2028. According to the 'One Europe, One Market' roadmap, the Council, the Parliament and the European Commission, have set the first quarter of 2027 as target for agreeing on the review of the EU ETS.

The EU ETS and the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) have coexisted for years, with high ETS compliance from EU and non-EU airlines. The EU implemented CORSIA early on in a legally binding manner. The ETS already ensures airlines only pay once for their emissions. The Commission published its proposal on the revision of EU ETS on 17 July 2026², together with an impact assessment and it does not affect the EU's unwavering commitment to a global solution to address international aviation emissions. While the proposal expands the scope of the ETS to departing flights from European Economic Area airports landing in third country airports located within 5000 km of the geographical centre of the EU³, CORSIA continues to apply on these routes. However, airlines will be able to use the ETS deduction mechanism to avoid double pricing with CORSIA. In addition, the proposal expands the support to Sustainable Alternative Fuels and technologies to all departing flights as from 2029, to the benefit of EU and non-EU operators. The Commission and Member States will continue having an active role in the work of the International Civil Aviation Organization, including on environmental matters.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02003L0087-20240301>.

² https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_26_1596.

³ i.e. Frankfurt's airport.