



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Senat for its Opinion concerning the Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2003/87/EC establishing a scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the Community, in view of the implementation by 2020 of an international agreement applying a single global market-based measure to international aviation emissions {COM (2013) 722 final}.

In its letter, the Senat mentions certain concerns regarding the transposition deadline of the proposed Directive.

The Commission notes that the legal form of the proposed instrument has been changed to Regulation in the course of the negotiations between the European Parliament and the Council. The Commission is not opposed to this change of legal form; it should be recalled, however, that Member States still need to amend their existing national legislation in order to be in line with the new rules. Given that aircraft operators need to carry out obligations related to the verification of aircraft emissions in January each year, it is crucial that the new national rules are adopted well in advance of January 2015.

The Commission hopes that these clarifications address the concerns raised by the Senat and looks forward to continuing our political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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