

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

BETWEEN

THE DEPARTMENT FOR BUSINESS, ENERGY AND INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND (UK)

AND

THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT, ENERGY AND COMMUNICATIONS OF SWITZERLAND

ON THE INCLUSION OF FLIGHTS BETWEEN THE UK AND SWITZERLAND IN THE UK AND SWISS EMISSIONS TRADING SCHEMES (ETS)

Objectives

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy of the UK and the Federal Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications of Switzerland (hereinafter referred to individually as a 'Participant' and collectively as the 'the Participants');

Acknowledging the importance of the bilateral relationship between the UK and Switzerland and our shared values and interests;

Reaffirming that emissions reductions remain the priority for achieving our climate change objectives and reaffirming our shared commitment to mitigate climate change under the Paris Agreement;

Recognising that emissions trading is an effective tool that will help fulfil our climate change objectives;

Noting that, with regard to the Agreement between the European Union and the Swiss Confederation on the linking of their greenhouse gas emissions trading systems of 23 November 2017, Switzerland has included flights from Switzerland to the UK in the Swiss ETS by adopting a revision of the CO₂ Ordinance on the Reduction of CO₂ Emissions on 4 May 2022, to take effect from 1 January 2023;

Noting that, in the initial consultation response, 'Developing the UK ETS: initial UK ETS Authority response covering proposals to be implemented by 2023' published on 31 August 2022, the UK ETS Authority (consisting of the relevant Ministers from the UK Government, Scottish Government, Welsh Government and Northern Ireland Executive) has agreed and committed to including flights from the UK to Switzerland in the UK ETS by revising The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme Order 2020 (initially including flights departing Great Britain from 1 January 2023 and subsequently flights departing Northern Ireland);

Have reached the following understanding:

Co-operation

- The intention of the UK to include flights from the UK to Switzerland in the UK ETS as comprehensively as possible by 1 January 2023;
- The mutual intention of the Participants to exchange information relating to the inclusion of flights between the UK and Switzerland in the respective ETS;

- The mutual intention of each Participant to inform the other Participant on developments relating to the inclusion of flights between the UK and Switzerland in respective ETS but understanding that the arrangement does not preclude any wider policy development;
- The mutual intention to discuss potential areas of future co-operation as appropriate.

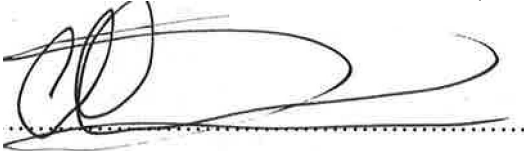
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This Memorandum will come into operation on signature and will continue in operation until terminated by either Participant, preferably by giving six months' written notice to the other.]

The foregoing record represents the understanding reached between the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Federal Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications of Switzerland upon the matters referred to therein.

Signed in Sharm el-Sheikh in duplicate on the 18. day of November 2022 in the English language.

For the Department of Business, Energy and
Industrial Strategy of the United Kingdom of
Great Britain and Northern Ireland (UK)

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The Rt Hon Graham Stuart MP
Minister of State for Climate

For the Federal Department of the Environment,
Transport, Energy and Communications of
Switzerland

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Simonetta Sommaruga
Federal Councillor, Minister of the
Environment, Transport, Energy and
Communications