

**Expansion of the UK-ETS to the shipping Sector  
(2nd Report)**

To whom it may concern

As announced in ClassNK Technical Information [No.TEC-1371 \(issued on 16 December 2025\)](#), the UK Emissions Trading Scheme (UK-ETS) will be expanded to include the shipping sector, starting on 1 July 2026.

The legislation expanding the scope of the UK-ETS to include the shipping sector - "The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (Extension to Maritime Activities) Order 2026 (Statutory Instruments 2026 No. 392)" (hereinafter the "UK-ETS Regulation") - has now been officially published and will enter into force on 1 July 2026, as scheduled.

Prior to the entry into force of this legislation, the existing UK monitoring, reporting and verification of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions regime from UK-related voyages (hereinafter "former UK-MRV Regulation") was revoked on 3 April 2026. Accordingly, monitoring, reporting and verification of GHG emissions from UK-related voyages will be conducted in accordance with the UK-ETS Regulation.

In connection with the above, the following additional information has been confirmed.

1. Voyages subject to monitoring, reporting and verification  
From 1 July 2026, monitoring, reporting and verification of GHG emissions will be required under the UK-ETS Regulation. On the other hand, the former UK-MRV Regulation was revoked on 3 April 2026. Accordingly, the handling of emissions data for voyages related to the UK and during stops at UK ports from 1 January to 1 July 2026, is as follows:

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Period / Voyage	Applicable regulations	Requirement
1 January to 2 April 2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UK-UK voyages (At sea)</li> <li>• UK-non UK voyages (At sea)</li> <li>• UK port stops (In port)</li> </ul>	Former UK-MRV	Reporting to a verifier and verification by the verifier are required.
3 April to 30 June 2026	Nil	Reporting to a verifier, verification by the verifier, and reporting to the regulator are NOT required. (Annual voyage reporting is still required for the IMO-DCS.)
Voyages crossing 1 July 2026 (Voyages departing from a UK port before 1 July and arriving at another UK port on or after the date) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UK-UK voyages (At sea)</li> <li>• UK port stops (In port)</li> </ul> *UK-non UK voyages (At sea) are out of scope	UK-ETS	Reporting to a verifier and verification by the verifier are required. (For voyages crossing 1 July, only the data relating to the portion after 00:00 on 1 July is required to be reported to the regulator.)

2. Deadline for submission of the emissions monitoring plan (MP)

As announced in ClassNK Technical Information No.TEC-1371, maritime operators are required to create the UK-ETS MP through the UK-ETS emissions reporting system (Manage your UK Emissions Trading Scheme, METS), submit it to the regulator, and obtain approval from the regulator (the verifiers such as ClassNK do not assess the MP).

The MP must be submitted to the regulator within 42 days of ship's first port of call\* at a UK port on or after 1 July 2026.

(\* "port of calls" means a port of call involving the loading or unloading of cargo.)

Among the four UK regulators, the Environment Agency (EA) in England is currently accepting early applications for the opening of METS accounts and early submission of MP. MP application fees and MOHA setup fees will not be charged for MPs submitted before 1 July 2026. (Most non-UK companies are expected to submit their applications to the EA in England.) Please refer to ClassNK Technical Information No.TEC-1371 regarding the application process.

Please also refer to the following official videos regarding the MP submission procedure.

[UK ETS Maritime Guidance - YouTube](#)

3. Opening of a Maritime Operator Holding Account (MOHA)

The MOHA, which is the surrender account for United Kingdom Allowances (UKAs), will be opened after your MP has been approved by the regulator. They will contact you separately regarding the required documents for opening the MOHA. Please follow their instructions.

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#### 4. UK-ETS site visit

For verification of the annual emissions report (ER), verifiers are required to carry out a "physical site visit" to a maritime operator at an appropriate stage during the verification process, based on the results of the risk analysis.

Instead of a physical site visit, a "virtual site visit" carried out online is also permitted. However, this requires both the "agreement of the maritime operator" and "prior approval of the regulator."

If a maritime operator wishes to request a virtual site visit, they are required to apply for approval from the regulator by 28 February of the year following the reporting year (or by a date separately designated by the regulator). ClassNK will notify you regarding the site visit arrangements before the ER verification.

#### 5. Penalties

If any of the following items (1) to (5) apply, a penalty will be charged for each applicable item.

- (1) Failure to submit an MP within the deadline referred to in 2. above.
- (2) Failure to submit the required revisions to the MP within 31 days after notification from the regulator.
- (3) Failure to comply with any additional conditions included in the MP by the regulator.
- (4) Failure to monitor emissions.
- (5) Failure to submit the ER for the relevant reporting year, after verification by a verifier, to the regulator by 31 March of the following year.

Amount of penalty:

GBP 20,000

In addition to the above, GBP 500 per day (maximum: GBP 45,000), calculated from the date of notification by the regulator.

#### 6. ClassNK's verification activities

ClassNK is currently updating the "ClassNK MRV Portal" to accommodate UK-ETS-related submissions. ClassNK will inform you once the system is ready.

Reference URL: [UK-ETS Regulation](#)

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