

Kenya Airways to participate in EU environment trading scheme

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Kenya's national airline, Kenya Airways has been approved by the United Kingdom (UK) Environment Agency to participate in the European Union Environmental Management Program, through a legally binding initiative known as the European Union Environment Trading Scheme (EU-ETS).

The UK Environmental Agency is the regulator assigned to Kenya Airways by the EU Commission for purposes of EU-ETS Scheme.

The move follows submission of a Carbon Emissions Management and Monitoring Plans by Kenya Airways that will enable the carrier measure, manage and reduce its carbon footprint. The plans focus on monitoring and controlling air pollutants especially the carbon emissions which has been identified as a major contributor to climate change.

EU-ETS is a legislation passed by the EU parliament that now includes and requires all airlines with operations to, from and within the EU, to develop carbon management solutions that will conserve the environment. The EU-ETS Scheme has developed criteria that will see carbon emissions generated from the operations of each affected airline accounted for and capped at a given limit beyond which, conscious efforts must be taken to mitigate further environmental risks.

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