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Dear Rob

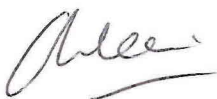
AVIATION AND THE EU EMISSIONS TRADING SYSTEM (ETS) – IMPLEMENTATION OF EU REGULATION 421/2014 AMENDING THE AVIATION ETS

I am writing to inform you that the implementation of the Aviation EU Emissions Trading System Regulation 421/2014 has now been laid in the UK Parliament and will come into force on the 22 December.

The Statutory Instrument amends the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading System Regulations 2012 to reflect the changes implemented by the EU Regulation. The EU Regulation reduces the scope of the Aviation ETS to an intra-European Economic Area (EEA) scope from 2013 until 2016. This reduction in scope is in line with the UK negotiating position, as agreed by the European Affairs Committee, and significantly increases the chances of a successful international agreement on aviation emissions at the International Civil Aviation Organisation Assembly in 2016.

I am copying this letter to the Conveners of the Infrastructure and Capital Investment, and European and External Affairs Committees.

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