



Changes in EU ETS Regulation

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USA to/from Europe
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Dear Valued CMA CGM Customer,

We wish to inform you about significant upcoming changes to the **EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS)** regulation that will impact our operations and, consequently, our Energy Transition Surcharge.

What is EU ETS?

The EU ETS requires ocean carriers to monitor and report their CO₂ emissions from voyages to and from EU ports. Since 2024, a portion of these emissions are subject to the cap and trade system, meaning carriers need to buy or receive allowances to cover their emissions. This regulation aims to incentivize the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the maritime sector, encouraging investment in more efficient and environmentally friendly technologies and practices.

What's Changing?

Starting in 2026, the EU ETS regulation will evolve to account for 100% of our CO₂ emissions, compared to the current 70% in 2025, and will include other greenhouse gases emissions. This substantial increase in the EU ETS coverage will have a direct impact on our cost structure.

Expected Impact

As a result of this regulatory change, we anticipate an increase of approximately 43% in our current EU ETS surcharge amounts. Please note that this estimate does not consider potential fluctuations in CO₂ prices, which could further influence the final surcharge amounts.

Q1 2026 amounts for the full trade coverage impacted by EU ETS are available on:

<https://www.cma-cgm.com/ebusiness/tariffs/charge-finder>

Why This Matters

The EU ETS is a cornerstone of the EU's policy to combat climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions cost-effectively. The changes in the regulation reflect the EU's commitment to achieving its climate goals and ensuring a sustainable future.

We are committed to transparency and will continue to keep you informed about any further developments.

Let's move forward together on your decarbonization journey with ACT+, our low-emission ocean shipping solutions. The EU ETS aims to speed up the transition to cleaner transport. By choosing [ACT+ CO₂ Reduction](#), you actively support this transition **while avoiding the ETS surcharge** that would otherwise apply to your shipment.



If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact your local CMA CGM sales representative.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

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