Aviation in the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme

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New Zealand emissions profile (2008)

- Agriculture: 48%
- Energy (ex transport): 25.3%
- Transport (ex aviation): 17.9%
- Industrial Processes: 5.8%
- Waste: 2.3%
- Aviation: 1.3%
How does emissions trading work in New Zealand?

Under the scheme an oil company will need to buy units to cover the emissions that will result when the fuel they sell is used. During the year the oil company sells fuel that, when used, will result in 3 units worth of emissions.

- **Emissions:** ✗ ✗ ✗
- **Deficit:** ✗ ✗ ✗

The oil company needs to buy 3 units to cover the emissions that it is responsible for.

A forester plants some trees. During the year these trees grow, earning the forester 2 units.

- **Surplus:** ✔ ✔

The forester can now sell the surplus 2 units.

An industrial firm is given 4 units by the government to cover some of its emissions. During the year the firm installs a new plant that reduces its emissions to 2 units.

- **Units:** ✔ ✔ ✔ ✔
- **Emissions:** ✗ ✗

As the firm only uses 2 units it can sell the surplus 2 units.

- **Surplus:** ✔ ✔

Global Emission Markets
Who are the participants in the liquid fossil fuels (transport) sector?

- From 1 July 2010, those that import fuel or remove fuel from refinery > 50,000 litres per year

- Purchasers of >10 million litres of jet fuel per year can participate
  - At this stage only Air New Zealand
  - They take on all legal obligations from fuel suppliers

- Who are NOT participants?
  - Aircraft operators (unless opted in), consumers, etc ...
  - **BUT**, the price (of emission units) will be passed on to them as increased fuel prices
Liquid Fossil Fuels – The Details

• Obligation fuels:
  – All liquid fossil fuels (petrol, automotive and marine diesel, jet fuel, aviation gas, light and heavy fuel oils)

• Exemptions:
  – Fuels not combusted when used (solvents, lubricants)
  – Fuel used for international aviation and maritime transport
  – Biofuels

• Calculating emissions:
  – Volume of fuel \( \times \) emission factor = tonnes of CO\(_2\)e

• Details of methodology and emission factors:
  – Go to [www.legislation.govt.nz](http://www.legislation.govt.nz) then search for Climate Change (Liquid Fossil Fuels) Regulations 2008
## Price effects

### ‘Carbon’ Emission Price Scenarios

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**Petrol:** Additional cents per litre

| 2.310 | 2.9 NZc | 5.8 NZc | 11.6 NZc |

**Jet fuel:** Additional cents per litre

| 2.525 | 3.2 NZc | 6.3 NZc | 12.6 NZc |

$tCO₂e = \text{tonnes carbon dioxide equivalent}$

1NZ Dollar ~ 0.72 US Dollar

3 NZ cents ~ 2 US cents
Free allocation?

No, there will be no free allocation of units to transport sector participants...

- Some units are allocated freely in sectors where there is a concern that a carbon price may cause production from emissions-intensive, trade-exposed sectors to shift from New Zealand to countries without an equivalent carbon pricing regime.
- The domestic transport sector does not fit this criterion, and it is expected that the cost of emission units will be passed on to consumers (e.g. via higher fuel prices, or higher fare prices, etc).
Questions?

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