CORSIA Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) System

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CORSIA MRV System – Outline

- a) Assembly Resolution A39-3 and the MRV system
- b) Overview of Monitoring, Reporting and Verification procedures

c) Expected roles and responsibilities in the MRV process

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Resolution A39-3: MRV System

- Regarding the implementation of the MRV system, the 39th ICAO Assembly requested:
 - a) the Council to develop, with the technical contribution of CAEP, the SARPs and related guidance material for the implementation of the MRV system under the CORSIA, including simplified MRV procedures, for adoption by the Council by 2018
 - b) all Member States whose aircraft operator undertakes international flights to develop the necessary arrangements, in accordance with the MRV SARPs, for implementation from 1 January 2019
 - c) that a methodology should be developed to ensure that an aircraft operator's offsetting requirements under the scheme in a given year can be reduced through the use of sustainable alternative fuels, so that all elements of the basket of measures are reflected

These paragraphs request the development of MRV SARPs and guidance by the Council by 2018, and implementation of the MRV system by States from 1 January 2019



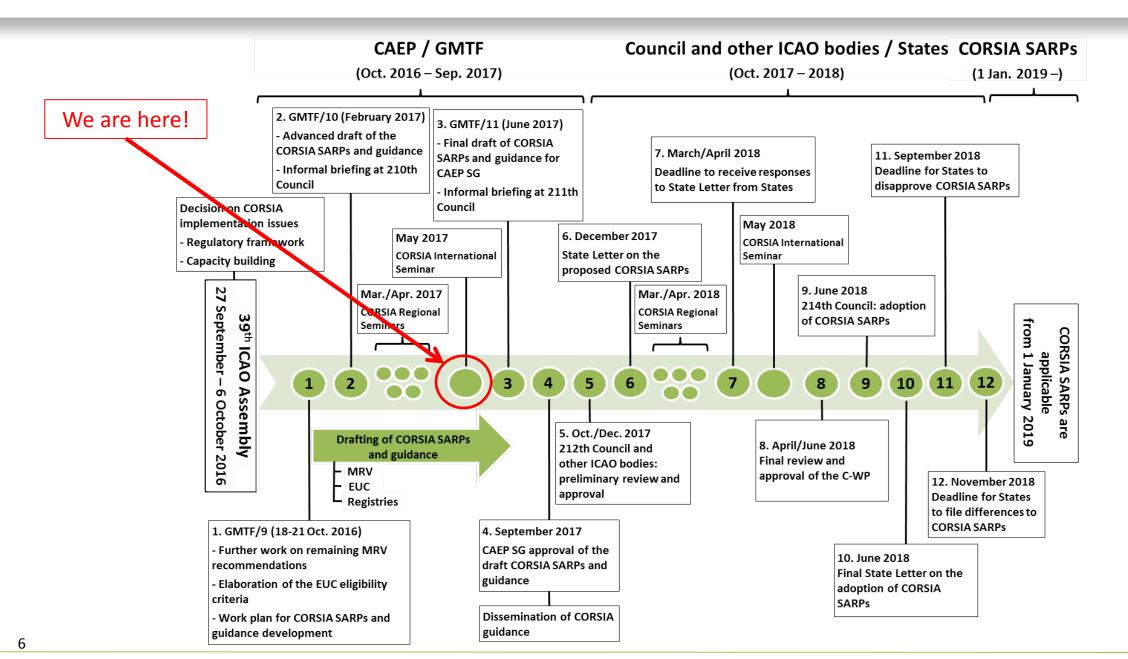
Resolution A39-3: MRV System

- Regarding the capacity building and assistance to implement the MRV system, the Assembly requested:
 - a) the Council to take necessary action to expand the provision of capacity building and assistance for the preparation and implementation on Member States' action plans, in order to accommodate capacity building and assistance for implementation of the MRV system by Member States from 1 January 2019, including organization of seminars and training in all regions from 2017, and facilitation of financial support where needed, in particular for those States that volunteer to participate in the pilot phase and require support to do so
 - b) Member States to build partnerships among themselves to cooperate on the implementation of the MRV system

These sub-paragraphs request capacity building and partnerships on MRV



CORSIA SARPs and Guidance Development Timeline





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Overview of MRV Procedures

- An MRV system is a key component of CORSIA implementation
 - Implementation of the MRV system from 1 January 2019 by all States whose aircraft operator undertakes international flights is essential
- Monitoring, reporting and verification of CO₂ emissions
 - Purpose: to collect data on international aviation CO₂ emissions on an annual basis and compare emissions against the baseline emissions (2019-2020)
 - Scope: all international flights (flights that depart in one country and arrive in a different country)
- Components of the MRV system:
 - **Monitoring** of fuel use on each flight and calculation of CO_2 emissions (1 tonne fuel burn = 3.16 tonnes CO_2 emissions)
 - Reporting of emissions information between aircraft operators, States and ICAO
 - Verification of reported emissions data to ensure completeness and to avoid misstatements

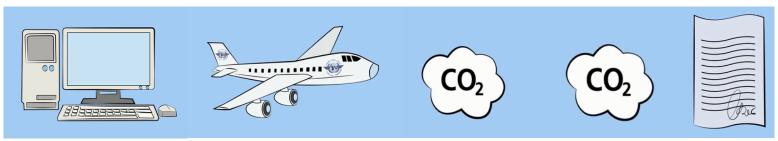


Recommendations on MRV

 The Assembly requested the Council, with the technical contribution of CAEP, to complete its work on MRV as soon as possible

 The preliminary recommendations contained in this presentation regarding the CORSIA MRV system reflect the ongoing work of CAEP; further work is required in CAEP to provide its technical recommendations, for consideration by the Council

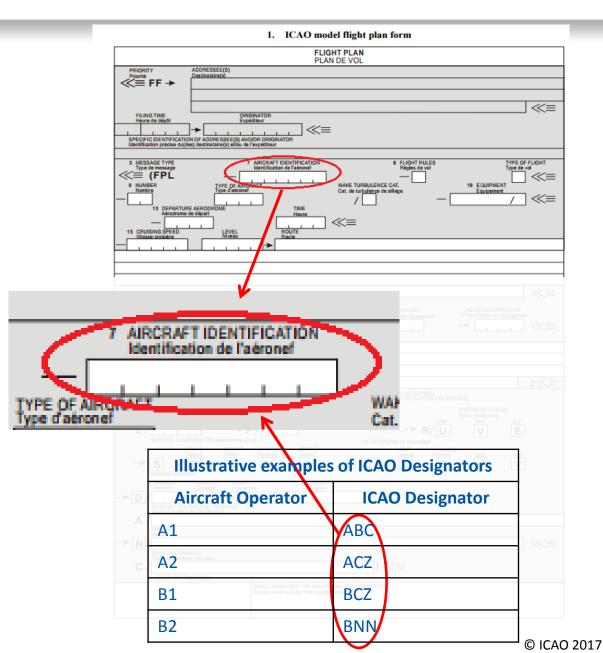
 Following slides present a high-level overview of the key elements in the MRV system under the CORSIA





How to Attribute an International Flight to an Operator?

- All operators are responsible for monitoring emissions of international flights they performed
- Need to make sure that each international flight is attributed to a single aircraft operator
- Flight plan is used for the attribution of flights to operators – For example, the ICAO Designator* in Item 7 (aircraft identification) attributes the flight to an aircraft operator





Monitoring of Fuel Burn and CO₂ Emissions

- Monitoring of fuel burn and CO₂ emissions by an aircraft operator for each flight needs information, e.g.:
 - Aircraft fleet and operating routes; method for calculating ${\rm CO_2}$ emissions; and how ${\rm CO_2}$ emissions data will be managed
- Calculation of CO₂ emissions to be based on fuel burn:

1 tonne of fuel burn = 3.16 tonnes of CO₂ emissions

- Flexibility for aircraft operators to choose an appropriate method:
 - Large operators: Fuel monitoring methods based on actual fuel burn
 - Small emitters: Emissions estimation methods (ICAO tool) simplified procedure





Reporting of CO₂ Emissions

- Reporting of CO₂ emissions data (covered by CORSIA and not covered by CORSIA) provides the basis to calculate the total emissions and annual offsetting requirements of individual aircraft operators
- Flow of CO₂ emissions data:





- States report the necessary information to ICAO
- ICAO consolidates the data, publishes total CO₂ emissions, calculates the annual sectoral growth factor, and communicates the growth factor to States/aircraft operators
- Standardized template is being developed to facilitate uniform reporting of information



Verification of CO₂ Emission Data

• Verification on emissions data aims to ensure the consistency of data and to identify any errors in the aircraft operator's Annual Emissions Report

- A three-step verification pathway, which provides a role for each stakeholder:
 - An internal pre-verification by the aircraft operator



Third party verification before reporting to the State Authority



An order of magnitude review by the State Authority



Requirements for external verification to be based on existing ISO Standards



MRV of Sustainable Alternative Fuels

- Paragraph 6 of the Resolution A39-3 requests the Council to develop a methodology to ensure that an aircraft operator's offsetting requirements under the scheme can be reduced
 - through the use of sustainable alternative fuels
- For MRV purposes, the sustainable alternative fuel needs to:
 - Meet requirements defined in sustainability criteria; and
 - Have a default emission value for each feedstock/production pathway
- Tracking the quantity of alternative fuel, based on fuel purchase records
 - Typically, aviation fuels are blended in fuel distribution infrastructure \rightarrow it is not feasible to determine the alternative fuel content of fuel at the point of uptake to an aircraft
 - Work in CAEP is on-going to finalize the recommendations on how to best track the fuel purchase records from the fuel producer to the aircraft operator



Preliminary Structure of the Draft SARPs, Guidance and Supporting Information/Documents

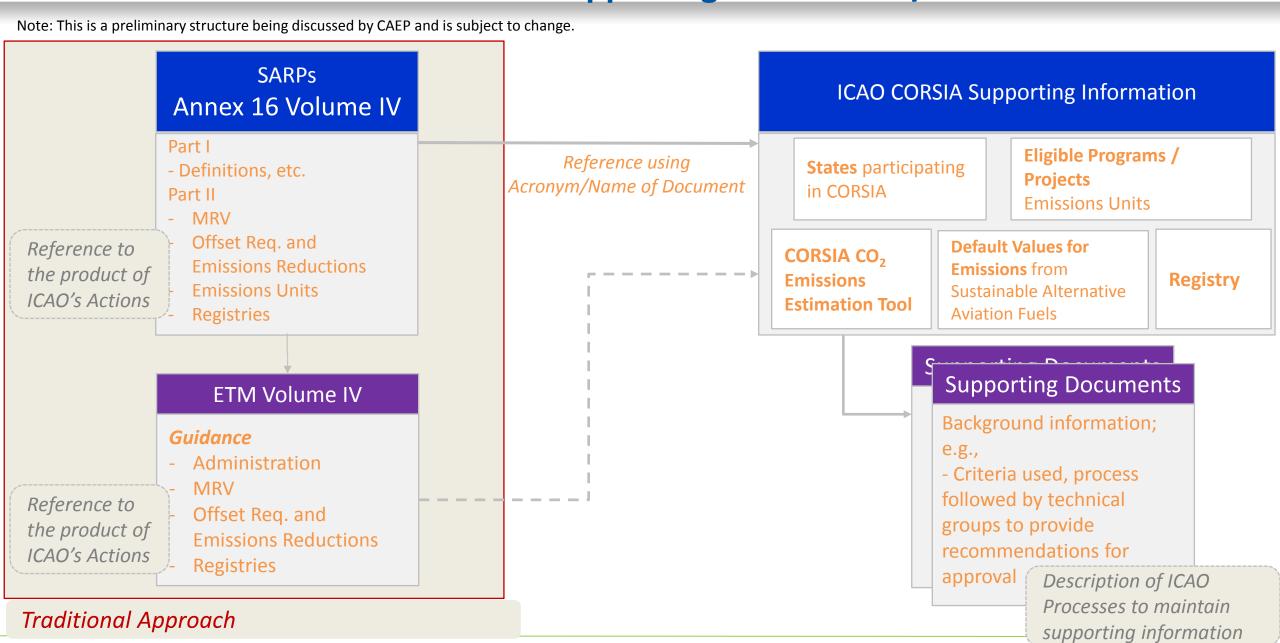
• In addition to the CORSIA SARPs and guidance material, which include the core requirements of the MRV system, supporting information/documents is needed to complete the MRV system

 Draft CORSIA SARPs, guidance material and supporting information/documents together will constitute a comprehensive package, which allows for the timely implementation of the MRV system

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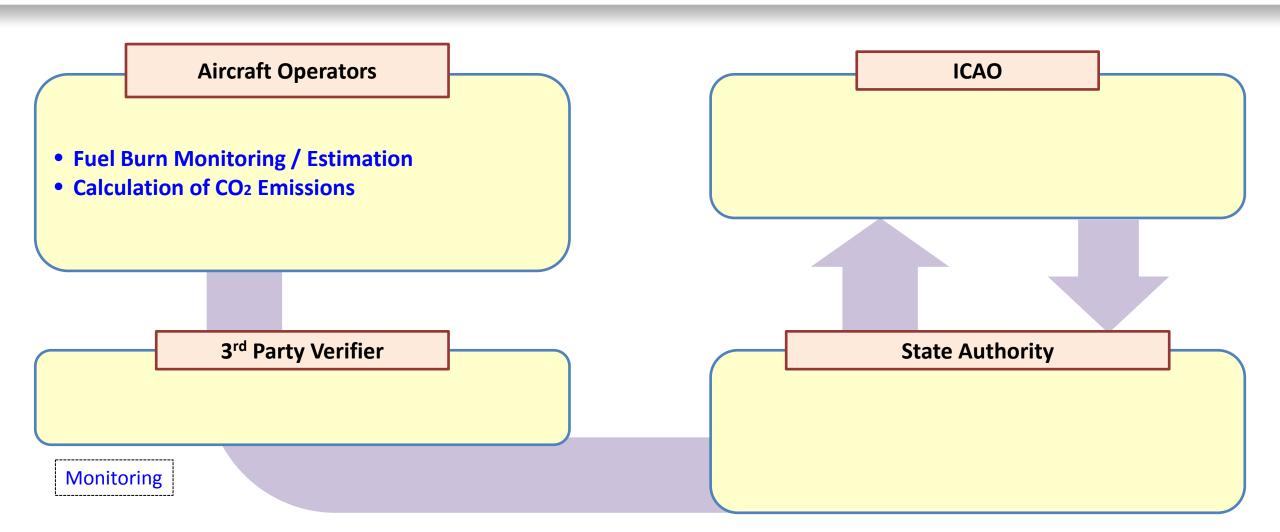
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The following slides show the examples on the roles of States, operators, ICAO etc. in the MRV process.

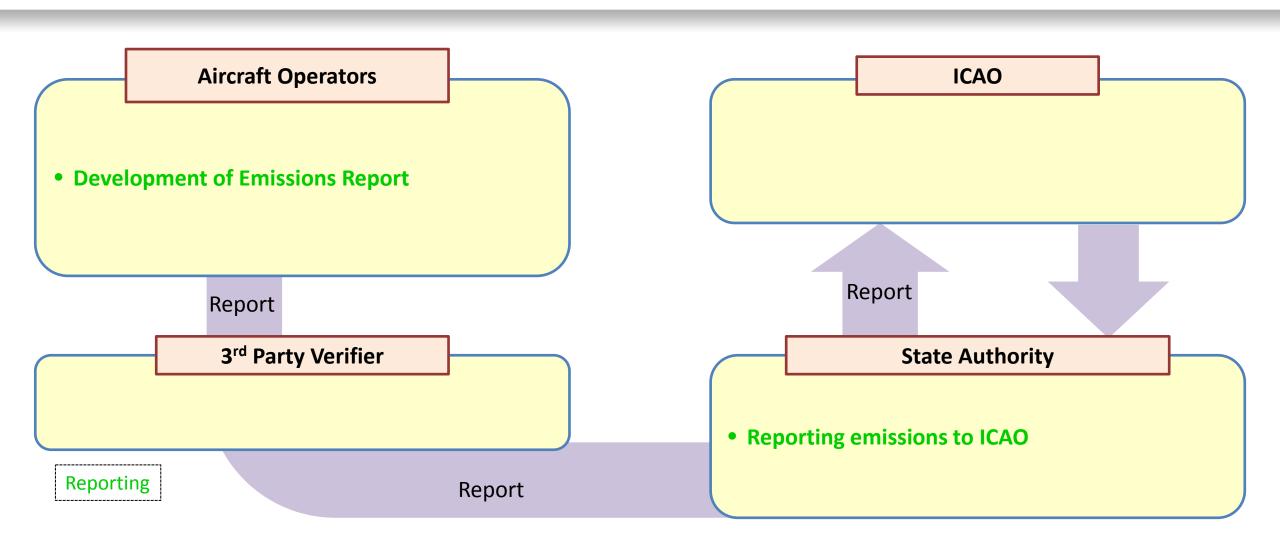


ENVIRONMENT Roles in the MRV System – Monitoring of CO₂ Emissions





ENVIRONMENT Roles in the MRV System – Reporting of CO₂ Emissions



Verification

ENVIRONMENT Roles in the MRV System – Verification of CO₂ Emission Data

Aircraft Operators ICAO • Internal Verification of Emissions Report Report Report 3rd Party Verifier **State Authority** • Verification of Emissions Report before submission to State Post Verification of Emissions Report

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Overview – Roles in the MRV System

Aircraft Operators

- Fuel Burn Monitoring / Estimation
- Calculation of Emissions
- Development of Emissions Report
- Internal Verification of Emissions Report

Report

3rd Party Verifier

 Verification of Emissions Report before submission to State

Monitoring Reporting Verification

Administration

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- Collection of States emission data (covered and not covered by CORSIA)
- Calculation of total emissions and sector's growth factor

Total emissions and Growth factor

State Authority

- Post Verification of Emissions Report
- Reporting emissions to ICAO

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More information on the CORSIA:

- ICAO web site http://www.icao.int/env
 - CORSIA Video
 - CORSIA FAQs
 - CORSIA voluntary participation
 - Environment Report 2016

