EU SAF producers and airlines joint call

The ETS revision must become an effective climate, competitiveness and industrial policy for Europe at the same time. This is why EU SAF producers, SAF technology providers and SAF offtakers, the airlines, stand together in calling on EU lawmakers to seize the opportunity to reinvest airline ETS payments strategically in the competitive scale-up and offtake of SAF. This is essential as part of a wider effort to decarbonise aviation while supporting the clean transition and resilience of Europe's fuel manufacturing sector.

The ETS will only be effective if its resources are directed back towards decarbonization solutions; otherwise, it risks diverting scarce resources away from the sector at a time when investment needs are increasing. This is where the Commission's proposal falls far short, as it does not leverage the full potential of aviation's contribution to the ETS in driving the scale-up of SAF.

We therefore jointly call on EU policymakers to:

- **Increase the amount of SAF allowances** to match the contribution of aviation to the ETS towards 2040.
- **Ensure that all SAF types eligible under ReFuelEU continue to benefit from SAF allowances beyond 2029**, so that neither airlines nor producers are left without support midway through the ramp-up.
- **Raise the level of price coverage support for SAF under the ETS** as the current levels are insufficient to close the price gap. Higher coverage lets airlines commit to long-term offtakes and helps frontrunner producers reach investment decisions.

By mobilizing ETS resources to drive uptake of decarbonization solutions, EU lawmakers can secure a cleaner, more competitive future for European aviation and industry.

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