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Customer Advisory

Increase in Emissions Surcharge in 2026

Dear Valued Customers,

Effective 1 January 2026, the Emissions Surcharge will increase substantially compared to 2025, impacting all shipments to and from EU/EEA countries.

The increase is driven by higher compliance costs under two key regulations: the EU Emissions Trading System ([EU ETS](#)) and the FuelEU Maritime Regulation ([Fuel EU](#)). From 2026, the EU ETS will require shipping lines to account for 100% of emissions, up from 70% in 2025, as part of its phased rollout. The scope will also expand to include methane and nitrous oxide, and allowance prices under the EU ETS are expected to rise.

Meanwhile, FuelEU compliance costs are increasing due to biofuel price trends—rising biofuel costs combined with declining fossil fuel prices make low-emission compliance more expensive. Together, these factors contribute to the higher Emissions Surcharge.

The actual surcharge for Q1 2026 will be published in December 2025.

Future Outlook

The cost of complying with regulatory requirements is expected to keep rising with increasing allowance prices year on year and other potential regulations from various jurisdictions in the coming years. By choosing Maersk ECO Delivery Ocean product, customers can mitigate these costs while benefiting from emissions savings. It utilises lower greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions fuels* to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions by up to 80% compared to fossil reference fuels, thereby lowering your value chain GHG footprint. Click [here](#) to know more.

For any questions, please contact your local Sales representative. Our teams are ready to support you through this transition.

Best Regards,
Maersk