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**ETS Charge
1st January 2024**

Dear Customer,

Effective the 1st January 2024, the EU Emissions Trading Scheme (EU ETS) will expand to include the Maritime Sector. The EU ETS is an integral part of the European Parliament's drive to combat climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions as part of the headline project "Fit for 55".

Under this mandatory scheme shipping companies will be required to purchase "EUAs" (European Union Allowances) to compensate for CO₂ emissions generated in their activities. A comprehensive list of frequently asked questions about the EU scheme is available at https://climate.ec.europa.eu/eu-action/transport/reducing-emissions-shipping-sector/faq-maritime-transport-eu-emissions-trading-system-ets_en

The UK has not yet published a schedule for the introduction of their ETS requirements, which will further impact the charge basis in the future, we will endeavor to provide further communication once it becomes public.

For now, the EU ETS will apply to 50% of emissions for voyages between an EU/EEA port and a port outside of the EU/EEA and to 100% of emissions for voyages between two EU/EEA ports.

It is anticipated that the inclusion of the Maritime industry in the scheme will be phased in over three years as follows:

- 40% of in-scope emissions as from 1 January 2024
- 70% of in-scope emissions as from 1 January 2025
- 100% of in-scope emissions as from 1 January 2026

EUAs are purchased from the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) with the price per unit fluctuating in line with standard supply and demand in trading. EUAs will be traded on an open market platform overseen by the European Energy Exchange (EEX – www.eex.com), who are the group nominated by the EU and its member states to manage the daily auctions.

The introduction of EU ETS is effectively a new Carbon Tax on our industry, and as with past regulations we will be introducing a surcharging mechanism to reflect these increased costs.



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For transparency, our intention is to show the EU ETS as a separate surcharge. This will be adjusted on a monthly basis, based on the previous month average price of EUAs, in a similar manner to our current fuel surcharges. We will be in a position to publish our pricing matrix shortly, but as an indicative price, at the September 2023 month-to-date average price of €82.00 per EUA, our surcharges would be as follows:

Route	Up to 10m		10.1m and above	
	€	£	€	£
Irish Sea	€ 5.84	£ 5.05	€ 11.68	£ 10.10
Ireland - France	€ 39.75	£ 34.28	€ 79.50	£ 68.77
Dover - Calais	€ 2.48	£ 2.14	€ 4.95	£ 4.28

Irish Ferries are committed to sustainability and where possible are taking firm actions to reduce our carbon footprint. We continue to seek innovative ways to improve the way we operate, striving towards a green economy.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

Freight Business Team