

## **Clarification**

A number of questions have recently arisen relating to the ongoing development and implementation of the CAMEO scheme. Having been advised by Defra of the issues raised the following information is published for clarification.

### **1. Late Joining Fee**

The CAMEO Steering Group decided to introduce a £1,000 fee, to be applied to new members of the burden sharing scheme. The surcharge relates to those operators who having failed to support the development of CAMEO financially, but intend to join when burden sharing commences to gain an income from the scheme, are required to make an equivalent contribution. Clearly they are not compelled to join CAMEO and may indeed enter into their own burden sharing arrangements outside of the scheme.

### **2. Non compliance with the schedule to the Ministerial Direction 2010**

CAMEO recognises that the only circumstances where legal proceedings can be taken are if an operator were to act in contravention of the conditions in their operating permit, which could ultimately lead to the operator incurring very substantial penalties.

### **3. Registration of Independent Schemes and issue of Compliance Certificates**

CAMEO is in the process of becoming a not for profit company and the Articles of Association and Scheme Rules are currently out to consultation with the sector. Whilst it is a not for profit company it does incur operating costs. These will be met through the imposition of modest fees on a cost recovery basis to pay for the administration associated with registering Independent Schemes and the issuing of Compliance Certificates.

Please contact us if you require any further information or clarification.