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Surrender Process for Emissions Allowances Reported for 2025 Successfully Completed

OTE, a.s., acting as the national administrator of the European Union Registry in the Czech Republic, provided continuous methodological and administrative support to participants throughout the entire process to ensure that the statutory obligation to surrender emissions allowances corresponding to emissions reported for 2025 was fulfilled within the legal deadline of 30 September 2026.

The obligation to surrender the corresponding number of emissions allowances applies to operators of stationary installations and aircraft operators participating in the European Union Emissions Trading System (EU ETS).

For 2025, a total of **40.4 million tonnes of CO₂ equivalent (CO₂e)** emissions were reported in the Czech Republic, representing a **1.3% year-on-year decrease** in emissions. These figures were published earlier this year following the completion of the emissions verification and reporting process.

Throughout the surrender process, OTE complemented its standard methodological and administrative support with active communication with account holders wherever such engagement could contribute to the timely and smooth fulfilment of their obligations. The objective was to ensure the efficient surrender of allowances in compliance with both national and European legislation.

Detailed information on the compliance status of individual operators is available on the povolenky.cz portal. Information on compliance across the EU ETS is also published by the European Commission through the Union Registry Reporting platform.

The 2025 allowance surrender process in the Czech Republic was completed in a standard manner and without any significant operational complications. OTE will continue to provide support to EU ETS participants in meeting their statutory obligations.

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OTE, a.s., holds a license for market operator activities, which includes the electricity and gas market in the Czech Republic. A Nominated Electricity Market Organizer (NEMO) is established by the Energy Regulatory Office, which ensures a unified connection of the day and intraday markets. It acts as the National Administrator of the Union Registry for Emissions Trading.

As a market operator and nominated organizer of the electricity market, OTE ensures, among other things, the organization of trading on the day-ahead, intraday electricity market and the intraday gas market in the Czech Republic, and in this activity participates in the organization of the unified EU electricity market. It performs accounting and financial settlement of imbalances between the contractual and actual values of electricity and gas supplies and withdrawals and ensures the administrative change of the supplier of both commodities. It also provides the participants of the electricity and gas market in the Czech Republic with continuous processing and exchange of data and documents for their activities on the electricity market and the gas market, and reports business data from short-term OTE markets to the database of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Authorities (ACER).

In the name of the Czech Republic and on its account, it supplies settlement entities or takes gas from them when receiving or providing international aid in the gas industry. It administers and pays out compensation payments according to the Act on Measures for the Czech Republic's Transition to Low-Carbon Energy. It is responsible for the administration of the system for the payment of support for supported energy sources. It issues and registers guarantees of the origin of energy and keeps records of the implementation of the use of renewable resources in transport. It ensures many other activities contributing to the development of the energy sector in the Czech Republic and Europe.

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