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# MEPs vote to step up plans to include aviation in Emission Trading Scheme

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BRUSSELS (Thomson Financial) - Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) voted in favour of stepping up plans to include aviation in the European Union (EU)'s Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) in a second reading on Tuesday.

The parliament's environment committee voted for both EU and non-EU flights to be included in the ETS from 2011, a year earlier than previously planned.

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The final vote by parliament is expected in July.

Friends of the Earth transport campaigner Richard Dyer said the organisation is 'delighted' that MEPs voted to strengthen plans to bring aviation into the ETS.

'EU ministers must now show that Europe is genuinely committed to taking a lead on global warming by backing these improvements too,' he said in a statement.

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