



# Climate Change Act 2008

## 2008 CHAPTER 27

### PART 1

#### CARBON TARGET AND BUDGETING

##### *Targeted greenhouse gases*

#### 24 Targeted greenhouse gases

- (1) In this Part a “targeted greenhouse gas” means—
  - (a) carbon dioxide,
  - (b) methane,
  - (c) nitrous oxide,
  - (d) hydrofluorocarbons,
  - (e) perfluorocarbons,
  - (f) sulphur hexafluoride, and
  - (g) any other greenhouse gas designated as a targeted greenhouse gas by order made by the Secretary of State.
- (2) The order may make such consequential amendments of the provisions of this Act as appear to the Secretary of State to be necessary or expedient.
- (3) Before making an order under this section, the Secretary of State must—
  - (a) consult the other national authorities, and
  - (b) obtain, and take into account, the advice of the Committee on Climate Change.
- (4) As soon as is reasonably practicable after giving its advice to the Secretary of State, the Committee must publish that advice in such manner as it considers appropriate.
- (5) If the order makes provision different from that recommended by the Committee, the Secretary of State must publish a statement setting out the reasons for that decision.
- (6) The statement may be published in such manner as the Secretary of State thinks fit.

---

*Changes to legislation: Climate Change Act 2008, Cross Heading: Targeted greenhouse gases is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 13 March 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes*

---

(7) An order under this section is subject to affirmative resolution procedure.

## 25 Base years for targeted greenhouse gases other than CO<sub>2</sub>

(1) The base years for the purposes of this Act for targeted greenhouse gases other than carbon dioxide are—

<i>Gas</i>	<i>Base year</i>
methane	1990
nitrous oxide	1990
hydrofluorocarbons	1995
perfluorocarbons	1995
sulphur hexafluoride	1995
[ <sup>F1</sup> nitrogen trifluoride	1995]

(2) The Secretary of State may make provision by order amending the table in subsection (1) so as to—

- (a) specify the base year for a gas designated as a targeted greenhouse gas by order under section 24(1), or
- (b) specify a different base year from that for the time being specified in relation to any targeted greenhouse gas other than carbon dioxide.

(3) An order may—

- (a) designate a particular base year, or
- (b) designate a number of base years and provide that the average amount of net UK emissions of a gas for those years is to be treated for the purposes of this Act as the amount of net UK emissions for the base year.

(4) The power in subsection (2)(b) may only be exercised if it appears to the Secretary of State that there have been significant developments in European or international law or policy that make it appropriate to do so.

(5) Before making an order under this section, the Secretary of State must—

- (a) consult the other national authorities, and
- (b) obtain, and take into account, the advice of the Committee on Climate Change.

(6) As soon as is reasonably practicable after giving its advice to the Secretary of State, the Committee must publish that advice in such manner as it considers appropriate.

(7) If the order makes provision different from that recommended by the Committee, the Secretary of State must publish a statement setting out the reasons for that decision.

(8) The statement may be published in such manner as the Secretary of State thinks fit.

(9) An order under this section is subject to affirmative resolution procedure.

---

**Changes to legislation:** Climate Change Act 2008, Cross Heading: Targeted greenhouse gases is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 13 March 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) [View outstanding changes](#)

---

---

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** Words in s. 25(1) table inserted (3.2.2023) by [The Climate Change \(Targeted Greenhouse Gases\) Order 2023 \(S.I. 2023/118\)](#), arts. 1(3), **3(2)**

**Changes to legislation:**

Climate Change Act 2008, Cross Heading: Targeted greenhouse gases is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 13 March 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

[View outstanding changes](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 86(1)(a) words renumbered as s. 86(1)(a) by [2016 c. 22 s. 211\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 86(1)(b) and word inserted by [2016 c. 22 s. 211\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 86(7A)(7B) inserted by [2016 c. 22 s. 211\(5\)](#)