



# Climate Change Act 2008

## 2008 CHAPTER 27

### PART 1

#### CARBON TARGET AND BUDGETING

##### *Determination whether objectives met*

#### **16 Annual statement of UK emissions**

- (1) It is the duty of the Secretary of State to lay before Parliament in respect of each year, beginning with the year 2008, a statement containing the following information.
- (2) In respect of each greenhouse gas (whether or not a targeted greenhouse gas), it must—
  - (a) state the amount for the year of UK emissions, UK removals and net UK emissions of that gas,
  - (b) identify the methods used to measure or calculate those amounts, and
  - (c) state whether any of those amounts represents an increase or decrease compared to the equivalent amount for the previous year.
- (3) It must state the aggregate amount for the year of UK emissions, UK removals and net UK emissions of all greenhouse gases.
- (4) If in accordance with international carbon reporting practice a change of method is such as to require adjustment of an amount for an earlier year in the same budgetary period, it must specify the adjustment required and state the adjusted amount.
- (5) If emissions of a greenhouse gas from international aviation or international shipping are not required to be included in the statement by virtue of subsection (2), it must state any amounts relating to such emissions that the United Kingdom is required to report for the year in accordance with international carbon reporting practice.
- (6) It must—
  - (a) state the total amount of carbon units that have been credited to or debited from the net UK carbon account for the year, and

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- (b) give details of the number and type of those carbon units.
- (7) It must state the amount of the net UK carbon account for the year.
- (8) It must state—
- (a) the amount of net UK emissions of carbon dioxide for the year 1990,
  - (b) the amount of net UK emissions of each targeted greenhouse gas other than carbon dioxide for the year that is the base year for that gas, and
  - (c) a baseline amount for each greenhouse gas that is not a targeted greenhouse gas, determined on such basis as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.
- (9) The amount referred to in subsection (8)(c) may be—
- (a) the amount of net UK emissions of the gas for the year 1990 or a different year, or
  - (b) the average amount of net UK emissions of the gas for a number of years.
- (10) The statement required by this section must be laid before Parliament not later than 31st March in the second year following that to which it relates.
- (11) The Secretary of State must send a copy of the statement to the other national authorities.

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**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\(5\)](#)