



Climate Change Act 2008

2008 CHAPTER 27

PART 1

CARBON TARGET AND BUDGETING

Determination whether objectives met

17 Powers to carry amounts from one budgetary period to another

- (1) The Secretary of State may decide to carry back part of the carbon budget for a budgetary period to the preceding budgetary period.

The carbon budget for the later period is reduced, and that for the earlier period increased, by the amount carried back.

- (2) The amount carried back under subsection (1) must not exceed 1% of the carbon budget for the later period.

- (3) The Secretary of State may decide to carry forward the whole or part of any amount by which the carbon budget for a budgetary period exceeds the net UK carbon account for the period.

The amount of the carbon budget for the next budgetary period is increased by the amount carried forward.

- (4) Before deciding to carry an amount back or forward 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.

- (5) Any such decision must be made no later than 31st May in the second year after the end of the earlier of the two budgetary periods affected.