



# Climate Change Act 2008

## 2008 CHAPTER 27

### PART 1

#### CARBON TARGET AND BUDGETING

##### *Carbon budgeting*

#### **4 Carbon budgets**

- (1) It is the duty of the Secretary of State—
  - (a) to set for each succeeding period of five years beginning with the period 2008-2012 (“budgetary periods”) an amount for the net UK carbon account (the “carbon budget”), and
  - (b) to ensure that the net UK carbon account for a budgetary period does not exceed the carbon budget.
- (2) The carbon budget for a budgetary period may be set at any time after this Part comes into force, and must be set—
  - (a) for the periods 2008-2012, 2013-2017 and 2018-2022, before 1st June 2009;
  - (b) for any later period, not later than 30th June in the 12th year before the beginning of the period in question.

**Changes to legislation:**

Climate Change Act 2008, Section 4 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 20 January 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.

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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\(5\)](#)