

*These notes refer to the Finance Act 2015 (c.11)
which received Royal Assent on 26 March 2015*

FINANCE ACT 2015

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

Section 62: Climate Change Levy: Main Rates from 1 April 2016

Summary

1. This section amends Schedule 6 to the Finance Act (FA) 2000 to increase the main rates of climate change levy (CCL) in line with inflation (based on the Retail Prices Index), with effect on and after 1 April 2016.

Details of the Section

2. Subsections (1) and (2) replace the table of rates in paragraph 42(1) of Schedule 6 to FA 2000 and provide the commencement date.

Background Note

3. CCL came into effect in April 2001. It is a tax on the non-domestic (i.e. business, service and public sector) use of energy (gas, electricity, liquefied petroleum gas and solid fuels). It promotes energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy, in order to help meet the UK's international and domestic targets for cutting emissions of greenhouse gases.
4. Since the main rates of CCL were increased in 2007 they have kept pace with inflation so that the levy maintains its environmental effect. On each occasion that the main rates have increased the changes have been legislated for in the previous year's Finance Bill.