STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) and National Emissions Inventory Regulations 2005

[F1PART 6

Civil penalties

F1 Pt. 6 inserted (31.1.2014) by The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme and National Emissions Inventory (Amendment) Regulations 2013 (S.I. 2013/3135), regs. 1, 12

[F2Interpretation: Part 6

- 13A. In this Part, "the regulator" means—
 - (a) the Secretary of State; or
 - (b) in the case of an application made under regulation 5 that has not been referred to the Secretary of State under regulation 8A(2), the Environment Agency.]
- F2 Reg. 13A inserted (1.2.2015) by The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) and National Emissions Inventory (Amendment) Regulations2014 (S.I. 2014/3075), regs. 1(1), **2(5)** (with reg. 3)

Penalty notices

- **14.**—(1) Subject to regulation 15, where the [F3 regulator] is satisfied that a person ("P") is liable to a civil penalty under this Part the [F3 regulator] must, serve a notice on P (a "penalty notice").
 - (2) The penalty notice must specify—
 - (a) the regulation under which that liability arises;
 - (b) the amount of the civil penalty due;
 - (c) whether or not P may be liable to a civil penalty in accordance with regulation 16(2)(b) (an "additional daily penalty"); and
 - (d) if P will not be liable to an additional daily penalty, the date by which the penalty for which P is liable must be paid.
- (3) Subject to regulation 15, where the [F3 regulator] is satisfied that P is liable to an additional daily penalty the [F3 regulator] must, when the amount of that additional daily penalty can be determined, serve a notice on P (an "additional penalty notice") specifying—
 - (a) the total amount of the civil penalties due; and
 - (b) the date by which that amount must be paid.

- (4) A civil penalty imposed by a penalty notice or an additional penalty notice must be paid to the [F3 regulator] by the date specified in the notice.
 - (5) Any such civil penalty is recoverable by the [F3regulator] as a civil debt.
- F4(6) If the regulator is the Environment Agency it must, as soon as reasonably practicable—
 - (a) notify the Secretary of State if it serves a penalty notice under this regulation; and
 - (b) pass to the Secretary of State any civil penalty that has been paid to it pursuant to such notice.]
 - **F3** Word in reg. 14 substituted (1.2.2015) by The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) and National Emissions Inventory (Amendment) Regulations2014 (S.I. 2014/3075), regs. 1(1), **2(6)** (with reg. 3)
 - F4 Reg. 14(6) inserted (1.2.2015) by The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) and National Emissions Inventory (Amendment) Regulations2014 (S.I. 2014/3075), regs. 1(1), 2(7) (with reg. 3)

Discretion in imposing civil penalties

- 15. Where the [F5 regulator] considers it appropriate to do so, the [F5 regulator] may—
 - (a) refrain from imposing a civil penalty under this Part;
 - (b) reduce the amount of a penalty (including the amount of an additional daily penalty);
 - (c) extend the time for payment specified in the penalty notice or additional penalty notice;
 - (d) withdraw a penalty notice or an additional penalty notice; or
 - (e) modify the notice by substituting a lower penalty.
- F5 Word in reg. 15 substituted (1.2.2015) by The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) and National Emissions Inventory (Amendment) Regulations2014 (S.I. 2014/3075), regs. 1(1), **2(6)** (with reg. 3)

Failure to comply with a notice under regulation 10(1)

- **16.**—(1) A person ("P") is liable to the civil penalties in paragraph (2) where P fails to comply (or to comply on time) with the requirements of a notice served under regulation 10(1) (an "information notice").
 - (2) The civil penalties are—
 - (a) £1,500; and
 - (b) £150 for each day that P fails to comply with the requirements of the information notice, following service of a penalty notice, up to a maximum of £13,500.

Providing false or misleading information

- 17.—(1) Where paragraph (2) applies, a person is liable to the civil penalty in paragraph (3) where that person provides false or misleading information, or makes a statement which is false or misleading in a material particular.
- [^{F6}(2) This paragraph applies where the statement is made or the information is provided to the regulator in writing—

- (a) in connection with an application made under regulation 5; or
- (b) for the purpose of preparing a national inventory, whether or not the statement is made (or the information provided) in purported compliance with a requirement imposed by a notice under regulation 10(1).]
- (3) The civil penalty is £1,000.
- **F6** Reg. 17(2) substituted (1.2.2015) by The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) and National Emissions Inventory (Amendment) Regulations2014 (S.I. 2014/3075), regs. 1(1), **2(8)** (with reg. 3)

Appeals

- **18.**—(1) A person on whom a penalty notice or additional penalty notice has been served under this Part may appeal to the First-tier tribunal.
- (2) The bringing of the appeal suspends the effect of the notice pending the final determination or withdrawal of the appeal.
 - (3) In determining the appeal the First-tier tribunal may—
 - (a) affirm or quash the notice; or
 - (b) reduce the amount of the penalty imposed by the notice (including the amount of any additional daily penalty).]

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) and National Emissions Inventory Regulations 2005, PART 6.