

CLIMATE CHANGE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2009

EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT

Part 1 – Emissions Reduction Targets

The domestic effort target

25. [Section 8](#) places a duty on the Scottish Ministers to ensure that reductions in net Scottish emissions of greenhouse gases make up at least 80% of the reduction in the net Scottish emissions account in any target year. This is the “domestic effort target”.
26. Subsection (3) provides that any reduction in the net Scottish emissions account that is the result of “European carbon units” being credited to that account is, for the purpose of the domestic effort target, to be treated as though it is a reduction in net Scottish emissions. Subsection (4) defines “European carbon units” by reference to the European Union Emissions Trading Scheme or other equivalent trading scheme and subsection (5) defines “trading scheme”.
27. Subsection (6) enables the Scottish Ministers to modify, by order, the percentage figure contained in subsection (1) so as to substitute a higher figure. Subsection (7) requires that advice from the relevant body must be requested by the Scottish Ministers before laying a draft of a statutory instrument containing an order under subsection (6) (i.e. a modification order), and subsection (8) requires the Scottish Ministers to publish a statement if they set a percentage figure different from that advised by the relevant body.