

Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

PART 1

EMISSIONS REDUCTION TARGETS

Annual targets

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- (1) The Scottish Ministers must—
 - (a) for each year in the period 2010–2050, set a target for the maximum amount of the net Scottish emissions account;
 - (b) ensure that the net Scottish emissions account for each year in that period does not exceed the target set for that year.

(2) The target—

- (a) for 2010, must be set at an amount that is less than the estimated net Scottish emissions account for 2009;
- (b) for each year in the period 2011–2019, must be set at an amount that is consistent with a reduction over that period of net Scottish emissions accounts which would allow the interim target and the 2050 target to be met;
- (c) for each year in the period 2020–2050, must be set at an amount that is—
 - (i) consistent with a reduction over that period of net Scottish emissions accounts which would allow the 2050 target to be met; and
 - (ii) at least 3% less than the target for the preceding year.

(3) In this Act—

- (a) an "annual target" for any year means the target for the maximum amount of the net Scottish emissions account set for that year in accordance with this section and section 4;
- (b) references to an annual target being met are references to the net Scottish emissions account for a year not exceeding the annual target for that year (and cognate expressions are to be construed accordingly).