



# Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

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### PART 1

#### EMISSIONS REDUCTION TARGETS

#### *[<sup>F1</sup>The net-zero emissions target*

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- (1) The Scottish Ministers must ensure that the net Scottish emissions account for the net-zero emissions target year is at least 100% lower than the baseline (the target is known as the “net-zero emissions target”).
- (2) The “net-zero emissions target year” is 2045.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations modify subsection (2) so as to substitute for the year for the time being mentioned in that subsection—
  - (a) an earlier year, or
  - (b) a later year if—
    - (i) that later year is consistent with the most up-to-date advice they have received from the relevant body, and
    - (ii) that advice states that the later year is appropriate on the basis of either scientific knowledge about climate change or current international carbon reporting practice (or both).
- (4) In preparing a draft of regulations to be made under subsection (3), the Scottish Ministers must have regard to—
  - (a) the target-setting criteria, and
  - (b) the most up-to-date advice they have received from the relevant body.
- (5) As soon as reasonably practicable after laying for approval a draft of such regulations, the Scottish Ministers must publish a statement setting out—
  - (a) their reasons for proposing to modify the net-zero emissions target year,
  - (b) the extent to which the proposed net-zero emissions target year takes account of the target-setting criteria, and

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- (c) whether the proposed net-zero emissions target year is consistent with the most up-to-date advice they have received from the relevant body and, if it is not, the reasons why.]

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**Textual Amendments**

- F1** S. A1 and cross-heading inserted (23.3.2020) by [Climate Change \(Emissions Reduction Targets\) \(Scotland\) Act 2019 \(asp 15\)](#), **ss. 1, 32(2)**; S.S.I. 2020/66, reg. 2

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