



Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Act 2019

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PART 1

EMISSIONS REDUCTION TARGETS

The 2050 and interim targets

2 The 2050 target

Section 1 of the 2009 Act and the italic cross heading immediately preceding it are repealed.

3 The interim targets

For section 2 of the 2009 Act, and the italic cross heading immediately preceding it, substitute—

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- (1) The Scottish Ministers must ensure that the net Scottish emissions account for the year—
 - (a) 2020 is at least 56% lower than the baseline,
 - (b) 2030 is at least 75% lower than the baseline, and
 - (c) 2040 is at least 90% lower than the baseline.
- (2) In this Act, each target set out in subsection (1) is known as an “interim target”.

4 Modification of the interim targets

After section 2 of the 2009 Act, insert—

“2A Modification of the interim targets

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations modify one or more of the percentage figures applying for the purposes of any of the interim targets, so as to substitute a higher or lower figure for the one for the time being mentioned in section 2(1)(a), (b) or (c).
- (2) But regulations under subsection (1) may not substitute a lower percentage figure for an interim target if that figure is—
 - (a) inconsistent with the most up-to-date advice the Scottish Ministers have received from the relevant body,
 - (b) not, in that advice, stated to be appropriate on the basis of either scientific knowledge about climate change or current international carbon reporting practice (or both),
 - (c) lower than any percentage figure applying, immediately after the regulations come into force, for an interim target for an earlier year, or
 - (d) lower than 100% for a year which is the same as, or later than, the net-zero emissions target year.
- (3) In preparing a draft of regulations to be made under subsection (1), 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.
- (4) Subsection (5) applies if—
 - (a) the Scottish Ministers lay before the Scottish Parliament for approval a draft of regulations under section A1(3) which modify the net-zero emissions target year to a year earlier than 2045, and
 - (b) any percentage figure applying for the purposes of any interim target for a year which is the same as or later than the proposed net-zero emissions target year, is lower than 100%.
- (5) The Scottish Ministers must, at the same time as or as soon as reasonably practicable after laying the regulations mentioned in subsection (4)(a), lay before the Scottish Parliament for approval a draft of regulations under subsection (1) which modify to 100% a percentage figure mentioned in subsection (4)(b).
- (6) As soon as reasonably practicable after laying for approval a draft of regulations to be made under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must publish a statement setting out in respect of each proposed modification of a percentage figure by the regulations—
 - (a) their reasons for proposing to modify the percentage figure,
 - (b) the extent to which the proposed modification takes account of the target-setting criteria, and
 - (c) whether the proposed modification is consistent with the most up-to-date advice they have received from the relevant body.”.