



Climate Change Act 2008

2008 CHAPTER 27

PART 1

CARBON TARGET AND BUDGETING

Carbon budgeting

5 Level of carbon budgets

- (1) The carbon budget—
 - (a) for the budgetary period including the year 2020, must be such that the annual equivalent of the carbon budget for the period is at least [^{F1}34%] lower than the 1990 baseline;
 - (b) for the budgetary period including the year 2050, must be such that the annual equivalent of the carbon budget for the period is lower than the 1990 baseline by at least the percentage specified in section 1 (the target for 2050);
 - (c) for the budgetary period including any later year specified by order of the Secretary of State, must be such that the annual equivalent of the carbon budget for the period is—
 - (i) lower than the 1990 baseline by at least the percentage so specified, or
 - (ii) at least the minimum percentage so specified, and not more than the maximum percentage so specified, lower than the 1990 baseline.
- (2) The “annual equivalent”, in relation to the carbon budget for a period, means the amount of the carbon budget for the period divided by the number of years in the period.
- (3) An order under this section is subject to affirmative resolution procedure.
- ^{F2}(4)

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in s. 5(1)(a) substituted (31.5.2009) by [Climate Change Act 2008 \(2020 Target, Credit Limit and Definitions\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1258\)](#), arts. 1, **2(2)**
- F2** S. 5(4) omitted (31.5.2009) by virtue of [Climate Change Act 2008 \(2020 Target, Credit Limit and Definitions\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1258\)](#), arts. 1, **2(3)**

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 86(1)(a) words renumbered as s. 86(1)(a) by [2016 c. 22 s. 211\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 86(1)(b) and word inserted by [2016 c. 22 s. 211\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 86(7A)(7B) inserted by [2016 c. 22 s. 211\(5\)](#)