EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order implements the requirement imposed by section 4 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 ("the 2009 Act") for the Scottish Ministers to make an order setting annual targets for the maximum amount of the net Scottish emissions account for each year in the period 2023-2027.

The Scottish Ministers requested advice from the relevant body (the UK Committee on Climate Change (UKCCC)) as required by section 5(1) of the 2009 Act. The UKCCC advice is set out in two letters dated 1st July 2011 and 1st August 2011, and available at http://www.scotland.gov.uk/ Topics/Environment/climatechange/what-is/expertadvice/advisorybody.

Article 2 of the Order sets the annual target for each year for the period 2023-2027.

A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been produced in relation to this Order as it has no direct impact on businesses, charities or the voluntary sector.