



# Sustainable Energy Act 2003

## 2003 CHAPTER 30

### **2 Energy efficiency of residential accommodation: Secretary of State**

- (1) The Secretary of State must within one week beginning with the coming into force of this section designate under this subsection at least one energy efficiency aim.
- (2) For the purposes of this section an “energy efficiency aim” is an aim which—
  - (a) is contained in a published document;
  - (b) relates to the energy efficiency of residential accommodation in England; and
  - (c) is compatible with [F1EU] obligations and any other international obligations of the United Kingdom.
- (3) The Secretary of State may, at any time after designation under subsection (1), designate under this subsection a further energy efficiency aim or aims.
- (4) Where an energy efficiency aim is for the time being designated under this section, the Secretary of State must take reasonable steps to achieve the aim.
- (5) In deciding which steps to take for the purposes of subsection (4), the Secretary of State must consider steps relating to the heating, cooling, ventilation, lighting and insulation of residential accommodation.
- (6) A designation under this section may be withdrawn, but not if its withdrawal would result in there being no energy efficiency aim designated under this section.
- (7) If an energy efficiency aim designated under this section ceases to meet the condition in subsection (2)(c) it ceases to be designated under this section, but if this results in there being no energy efficiency aim so designated the Secretary of State must without delay designate a new energy efficiency aim.
- (8) A designation of an aim under this section, or a withdrawal or cessation of such a designation, must be published in such way as the Secretary of State considers appropriate: a designation may be contained in the same published document as the aim itself.
- (9) In this section “residential accommodation” has the meaning given by section 1 of the Home Energy Conservation Act 1995 (c. 10).

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#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** Words in Act substituted (22.4.2011) by [The Treaty of Lisbon \(Changes in Terminology\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/1043\)](#), **arts. 3, 6** (with [art. 3\(2\)\(3\)](#), [4\(2\)](#), [6\(4\)\(5\)](#))
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#### **Commencement Information**

- I1** S. 2 in force at 25.4.2004 by [S.I. 2004/1203](#), **art. 2**

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- s. 2 ceases to have effect by [2011 c. 16 s. 110\(3\)](#)