



# Climate Change Act 2008

## 2008 CHAPTER 27

### PART 1

#### CARBON TARGET AND BUDGETING

##### *Proposals and policies for meeting carbon budgets*

#### **13 Duty to prepare proposals and policies for meeting carbon budgets**

- (1) The Secretary of State must prepare such proposals and policies as the Secretary of State considers will enable the carbon budgets that have been set under this Act to be met.
- (2) The proposals and policies must be prepared with a view to meeting—
  - (a) the target in section 1 (the target for 2050), and
  - (b) any target set under section 5(1)(c) (power to set targets for later years).
- (3) The proposals and policies, taken as a whole, must be such as to contribute to sustainable development.
- (4) In preparing the proposals and policies, the Secretary of State may take into account the proposals and policies the Secretary of State considers may be prepared by other national authorities.

#### **14 Duty to report on proposals and policies for meeting carbon budgets**

- (1) As soon as is reasonably practicable after making an order setting the carbon budget for a budgetary period, the Secretary of State must lay before Parliament a report setting out proposals and policies for meeting the carbon budgets for the current and future budgetary periods up to and including that period.
- (2) The report must, in particular, set out—
  - (a) the Secretary of State's current proposals and policies under section 13, and

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- (b) the time-scales over which those proposals and policies are expected to take effect.
- (3) The report must explain how the proposals and policies set out in the report affect different sectors of the economy.
- (4) The report must outline the implications of the proposals and policies as regards the crediting of carbon units to the net UK carbon account for each budgetary period covered by the report.
- (5) So far as the report relates to proposals and policies of the Scottish Ministers, the Welsh Ministers or a Northern Ireland department, it must be prepared in consultation with that authority.
- (6) The Secretary of State must send a copy of the report to those authorities.

## **15 Duty to have regard to need for UK domestic action on climate change**

- (1) In exercising functions under this Part involving consideration of how to meet—
  - (a) the target in section 1(1) (the target for 2050), or
  - (b) the carbon budget for any period,the Secretary of State must have regard to the need for UK domestic action on climate change.
- (2) “UK domestic action on climate change” means reductions in UK emissions of targeted greenhouse gases or increases in UK removals of such gases (or both).

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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)