



# Climate Change Act 2008

## 2008 CHAPTER 27

### PART 1

#### CARBON TARGET AND BUDGETING

##### *Carbon units, carbon accounting and the net UK carbon account*

#### **27 Net UK carbon account**

- (1) In this Part the “net UK carbon account” for a period means the amount of net UK emissions of targeted greenhouse gases for the period—
  - (a) reduced by the amount of carbon units credited to the net UK carbon account for the period in accordance with regulations under this section, and
  - (b) increased by the amount of carbon units that in accordance with such regulations are to be debited from the net UK carbon account for the period.
- (2) The net amount of carbon units credited to the net UK carbon account for a budgetary period must not exceed the limit set under section 11 (limit on use of carbon units) for the period.
- (3) The Secretary of State must make provision by regulations about—
  - (a) the circumstances in which carbon units may be credited to the net UK carbon account for a period,
  - (b) the circumstances in which such units must be debited from that account for a period, and
  - (c) the manner in which this is to be done.
- (4) The regulations must contain provision for ensuring that carbon units that are credited to the net UK carbon account for a period cease to be available to offset other greenhouse gas emissions.
- (5) The regulations must contain provision—
  - (a) for determining whether the total amount of carbon units allocated to the United Kingdom for each budgetary period under schemes or arrangements

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imposing a limit on emissions from sources in the United Kingdom represent an amount of net UK emissions of targeted greenhouse gases for the period greater than the carbon budget for the period, and

- (b) for ensuring that, if this is the case, carbon units representing the amount of such emissions in excess of the budget are not used to offset greenhouse gas emissions in the United Kingdom or elsewhere.