



# Environment Act 2021

## 2021 CHAPTER 30

### PART 1

#### ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE

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#### IMPROVING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

##### *Environmental improvement plans*

#### **14 Renewing plans: interim targets**

- (1) A new plan prepared by the Secretary of State under section 13 must—
  - (a) set at least one interim target in respect of each relevant matter, and
  - (b) secure that there is at all times, until the end of the 5 year period beginning with the relevant date, an interim target set by the plan in respect of each relevant matter.
- (2) A “relevant matter” means any matter in respect of which there is a target under sections 1 to 3.
- (3) Subsection (1) does not apply in respect of a matter if the specified date for the target under sections 1 to 3 in respect of that matter is before the end of the 5 year period beginning with the relevant date.
- (4) An interim target in respect of a matter must specify—
  - (a) a standard to be achieved, which must be capable of being objectively measured, and
  - (b) a date by which it is to be achieved.
- (5) The date must be no later than the end of the 5 year period beginning with—

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- (a) for the first interim target set by the new plan in respect of a matter, the relevant date;
  - (b) for subsequent interim targets set by the new plan in respect of a matter, the date specified for the previous interim target.
- (6) Before setting an interim target in respect of a matter, the Secretary of State must be satisfied that meeting it would make an appropriate contribution towards meeting the target under sections 1 to 3 in respect of that matter.
- (7) The “relevant date” is the first day of the period to which the new plan relates.
- (8) In this section references to the “new plan” are to be read in accordance with section 13.

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**Commencement Information**

- I1** S. 14 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 147\(3\)](#)
- I2** [S. 14](#) in force at 24.1.2022 by [S.I. 2022/48](#), [reg. 2\(b\)](#)

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