

Climate Change (Sectoral Targets) Bill

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Set targets relating to energy generation and consumption; to make provision for the sectoral targets to be met; and for connected purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Purposes

The purposes of this Act are—

- (a) to help ensure that any targets for the reduction of carbon dioxide emissions in the United Kingdom that are specified in any Act are met;
- (b) to help ensure that the energy needs of the United Kingdom, as determined by the Secretary of State, are met; and 5
- (c) to contribute to international efforts to combat climate change.

2 Sectoral targets

- (1) The Secretary of State must take all reasonable steps to ensure that the targets specified in this section are met. 10
- (2) The targets referred to in subsection (1) are—
 - (a) an increase in the general level of energy efficiency of residential accommodation by a minimum of 20 per cent from the 2010 baseline figure by the end of 2020;
 - (b) a decrease in the general level of energy usage in the commercial and public sector by— 15
 - (i) a minimum of 10 per cent from the 2005 baseline figure by the end of 2010, and
 - (ii) a minimum of 10 per cent from the 2010 baseline figure by the end of 2020; 20
 - (c) an increase in the proportion of electricity generated from renewable sources to a level of—
 - (i) 10 per cent by the end of 2010, and
 - (ii) 20 per cent by the end of 2020;

- (d) a total of 10 gigawatts of combined heat and power capacity to be installed by the end of 2010;
 - (e) an increase in the number of dwellings with one (or more than one) microgeneration installation to a total of eight times the number of such dwellings which existed at the end of 2007, to be achieved by the end of 2012; 5
 - (f) 80 per cent of dwellings to achieve a Standard Assessment Procedure (SAP) rating of 80 or above by the end of 2016;
 - (g) all new dwellings built from the beginning of 2016 to be zero carbon;
 - (h) all dwellings occupied by vulnerable households to achieve a SAP rating of 65 or above by 2010. 10
- (3) For the purposes of this section, a “baseline figure” shall be calculated in such a manner as the Secretary of State may by order specify.

3 Revised sectoral targets

- (1) The Secretary of State must, not later than two years after the date on which this Act is passed, by order specify – 15
- (a) a target to be achieved by 2020 for the consumption of energy from renewable sources, which shall not be less than 20 per cent of total energy consumption in the United Kingdom; and
 - (b) further or revised targets relating to those specified in section 2(2), which shall not be less than any equivalent target set for the United Kingdom by the European Union. 20
- (2) Before making an order under subsection (1), the Secretary of State must consult and seek to reach agreement with –
- (a) any body established by an Act of Parliament with a duty to advise the Secretary of State on climate change; 25
 - (b) organisations which in the opinion of the Secretary of State have relevant environmental interests;
 - (c) organisations which in the opinion of the Secretary of State have relevant business interests, and in particular organisations representing – 30
 - (i) the energy efficiency industry,
 - (ii) the renewables industry,
 - (iii) the combined heat and power industry, and
 - (iv) the microgeneration industry. 35
- (3) The Secretary of State –
- (a) may by order amend any of the targets specified in this Act;
 - (b) must consider amending any of the targets specified in this Act if advised to do so by any body established by an Act of Parliament with a duty to advise the Secretary of State on climate change. 40
- (4) The Secretary of State must, within 12 months of the date on which any order is made under subsection (1) or (3), publish a strategy setting out the measures to be taken to achieve the targets specified in that order.

4 Subordinate legislation

- (1) Any order under this Act shall be made by statutory instrument. 45

- (2) No order under this Act shall be made unless a draft has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, both Houses of Parliament.

5 Expenses

There shall be paid out of money provided by Parliament—

- (a) *any sums to be paid by the Secretary of State for or in connection with the carrying out of his functions under this Act; and* 5
- (b) *any increase attributable to this Act in the sums which are payable out of money so provided under any other Act.*

6 Interpretation

For the purposes of this Act— 10

“commercial and public service sector” includes—

- (a) commercial and business premises, excluding industry,
- (b) retail premises, including warehousing,
- (c) hotels and restaurants,
- (d) premises used for the provision of any service or function by or on behalf of a public body; 15

“microgeneration” has the same meaning as in the Energy Act 2004 (c. 20);

“renewable sources” means sources of energy other than fossil fuel or nuclear fuel;

“vulnerable household” means a household occupied by— 20

- (a) a householder who is 60 or more years old,
- (b) a family with children, or
- (c) a householder who is disabled or has a long-term serious illness;

“zero carbon” means zero net emissions of carbon dioxide from all energy use in the property. 25

7 Short title and extent

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Climate Change (Sectoral Targets) Act 2009.
- (2) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

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