



# Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Act 2019

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## PART 1

### EMISSIONS REDUCTION TARGETS

#### *The net-zero emissions target*

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Before section 1 of the 2009 Act (and the italic cross heading immediately preceding it), insert—

#### *“The net-zero emissions target*

##### **A1 The net-zero emissions target**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must ensure that the net Scottish emissions account for the net-zero emissions target year is at least 100% lower than the baseline (the target is known as the “net-zero emissions target”).
- (2) The “net-zero emissions target year” is 2045.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations modify subsection (2) so as to substitute for the year for the time being mentioned in that subsection—
  - (a) an earlier year, or
  - (b) a later year if—
    - (i) that later year is consistent with the most up-to-date advice they have received from the relevant body, and
    - (ii) that advice states that the later year is appropriate on the basis of either scientific knowledge about climate change or current international carbon reporting practice (or both).

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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- (4) In preparing a draft of regulations to be made under subsection (3), the Scottish Ministers must have regard to—
- (a) the target-setting criteria, and
  - (b) the most up-to-date advice they have received from the relevant body.
- (5) As soon as reasonably practicable after laying for approval a draft of such regulations, the Scottish Ministers must publish a statement setting out—
- (a) their reasons for proposing to modify the net-zero emissions target year,
  - (b) the extent to which the proposed net-zero emissions target year takes account of the target-setting criteria, and
  - (c) whether the proposed net-zero emissions target year is consistent with the most up-to-date advice they have received from the relevant body and, if it is not, the reasons why.”