



## 2022 CHAPTER 31

### PART 1

#### Emissions Targets And Sectoral Plans

##### *Power to amend targets*

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**5.—**(1) The Department may by regulations amend section 1, 3 or 4 so as to specify—

- (a) for a particular emissions target, an earlier year than that for the time being specified;
- (b) for a particular year, a higher percentage than that for the time being specified.

(2) The Department may by regulations amend this Part so as to impose a duty on the Northern Ireland departments to ensure that the net Northern Ireland emissions account for a specified year is at least a specified percentage lower than the baseline.

(3) See section 54 for restrictions on the powers conferred by subsections (1) and (2).

##### **Duty to consider whether to revise targets**

**6.—**(1) The Department must consider whether the targets in sections 3 and 4 are consistent with meeting the emissions target in section 1(1).

(2) In relation to each of the targets in sections 3 and 4, the Department must either—

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- (a) lay before the Assembly draft regulations under section 5 to amend the target so as to be consistent with the target in section 1(1), or
  - (b) lay before the Assembly a statement explaining why it considers that the target does not need to be amended.
- (3) The Department must lay draft regulations or a statement in relation to each target within the period of 2 years beginning with the day on which this Act receives Royal Assent.
- (4) Section 54(2) does not apply to regulations laid before the Assembly under subsection (2)(a).