



Environment Act 1995

1995 CHAPTER 25

PART IV

AIR QUALITY

80 National air quality strategy.

- (1) The Secretary of State shall as soon as possible prepare and publish a statement (in this Part referred to as “the strategy”) containing policies with respect to the assessment or management of the quality of air.
- (2) The strategy may also contain policies for ^{F1}...—
 - ^{F2}(a) securing that any ^{F3}[assimilated] obligation is met, or]
 - (b) ^{F4}[the implementation of] international agreements to which the United Kingdom is for the time being a party, so far as relating to the quality of air.
- ^{F5}(3)
- (4) The Secretary of State—
 - (a) shall keep under review his policies with respect to the quality of air; and
 - (b) may from time to time modify the strategy.
- ^{F6}(4A) The strategy must be reviewed, and if appropriate modified—
 - (a) within the period of 12 months beginning with the day on which this subsection comes into force, and
 - (b) within each period of 5 years beginning with the day on which the person carrying out the review completed their most recent review under this subsection.]
- (5) Without prejudice to the generality of what may be included in the strategy, the strategy must include statements with respect to—
 - (a) standards relating to the quality of air;

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- (b) objectives for the restriction of the levels at which particular substances are present in the air; and
 - (c) measures which are to be taken by local authorities and other persons for the purpose of achieving those objectives.
- (6) In preparing the strategy or any modification of it, the Secretary of State shall consult—
- (a) the [^{F7}appropriate agency];
 - (b) such bodies or persons appearing to him to be representative of the interests of local government as he may consider appropriate;
 - (c) such bodies or persons appearing to him to be representative of the interests of industry as he may consider appropriate; and
 - (d) such other bodies or persons as he may consider appropriate.
- (7) Before publishing the strategy or any modification of it, the Secretary of State—
- (a) shall publish a draft of the proposed strategy or modification, together with notice of a date before which, and an address at which, representations may be made to him concerning the draft so published; and
 - (b) shall take into account any such representations which are duly made and not withdrawn.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in s. 80(2) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Environment \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/458\)](#), regs. 1(1), **3(6)(a)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F2** S. 80(2)(a) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Environment \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/458\)](#), regs. 1(1), **3(6)(b)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F3** Word in s. 80(2)(a) substituted (1.1.2024) by [The Retained EU Law \(Revocation and Reform\) Act 2023 \(Consequential Amendment\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/1424\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. para. 36(2)(d)**
- F4** Words in s. 80(2)(b) inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Environment \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/458\)](#), regs. 1(1), **3(6)(c)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F5** S. 80(3) omitted (1.5.2022) by virtue of [Environment Act 2021 \(c. 30\)](#), s. 147(3), **Sch. 11 para. 2(2)** (with s. 144); S.I. 2022/48, reg. 4(c)
- F6** S. 80(4A) inserted (1.5.2022) by [Environment Act 2021 \(c. 30\)](#), s. 147(3), **Sch. 11 para. 2(3)** (with s. 144); S.I. 2022/48, reg. 4(c)
- F7** Words in s. 80(6)(a) substituted (1.4.2013) by [The Natural Resources Body for Wales \(Functions\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/755\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 377** (with Sch. 7)

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