

*These notes refer to the Climate Change Act (Northern Ireland)
2022 (c.31) which received Royal Assent on 6 June 2022*

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 1 - Emissions Targets

Section 7: Meaning of “baseline”

This section defines the “baseline” for the aggregate amount of greenhouse gases, and also the baseline for carbon dioxide and methane, for the purposes of the Act; and it enables the Department to make regulations to amend that baseline. The Department can only modify the baseline year for a greenhouse gas if it is satisfied that it would be appropriate to do so as a result of significant developments in UK or international law or policy relating to climate change (section 55).