

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order modifies the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 (“the 2009 Act”) by adding nitrogen trifluoride as an additional greenhouse gas to the greenhouse gases listed in section 10(1). Article 3 designates 1995 as the baseline year for nitrogen trifluoride.

Nitrogen trifluoride (NF₃) is recognised as a gas which contributes to climate change in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories, as adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in decision 24/CP.19. That decision is available at <http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2013/cop19/eng/10a03.pdf#page=2/>.

The Scottish Ministers requested advice from the UK Committee on Climate Change as required by section 10(4) of the 2009 Act. That advice is available at <http://www.theccc.org.uk/publication/letter-inclusion-of-nitrogen-trifluoride-in-the-climate-change-scotland-act-2009-targeted-gases/>.

A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been produced in relation to this Order as it has no direct impact on businesses, charities or the voluntary sector.