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PART 1

ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE

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IMPROVING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Environmental targets

2 Environmental targets: particulate matter

- (1) The Secretary of State must by regulations set a target (“the PM_{2.5} air quality target”) in respect of the annual mean level of PM_{2.5} in ambient air.
- (2) The PM_{2.5} air quality target may, but need not, be a long-term target.
- (3) In this section “PM_{2.5}” means particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter not exceeding 2.5 micrometres.
- (4) Regulations setting the PM_{2.5} air quality target may make provision defining “ambient air”.
- (5) The duty in subsection (1) is in addition to (and does not discharge) the duty in section 1(2) to set a long-term target in relation to air quality.
- (6) Section 1(4) to (9) applies to the PM_{2.5} air quality target and to regulations under this section as it applies to targets set under section 1 and to regulations under that section.
- (7) In this Part “the PM_{2.5} air quality target” means the target set under subsection (1).