

# Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

#### PART 1

#### **EMISSIONS REDUCTION TARGETS**

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- (1) The Scottish Ministers must ensure that reductions in net Scottish emissions of greenhouse gases account for at least 80% of the reduction in the net Scottish emissions account in any target year.
- (2) In this Act, the target set out in subsection (1) is known as the "domestic effort target".
- (3) For the purposes of ascertaining whether the domestic effort target has been met, any reduction to the net Scottish emissions account as a result of the crediting to that account of a net amount of European carbon units mentioned in subsection (4) is to be treated as though it is a reduction in net Scottish emissions.
- (4) In subsection (3), "European carbon units" means carbon units which are surrendered by participants in—
  - (a) the European Union Emissions Trading Scheme ("EU ETS"); or
  - (b) such other trading scheme making provision equivalent to the EU ETS as the Scottish Ministers may, by order, specify.
- (5) In subsection (4)(b), "trading scheme" means a trading scheme within the meaning of section 44 of the 2008 Act.
- (6) The Scottish Ministers may, by order, modify the percentage figure mentioned in subsection (1) so as to substitute a higher figure for the one for the time being mentioned there.
- (7) The Scottish Ministers must, before laying a draft of a statutory instrument containing an order under subsection (6) before the Scottish Parliament, request advice from the relevant body.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (8) If the order under subsection (6) makes provision different from that recommended by the relevant body, the Scottish Ministers must publish a statement setting out the reasons why.
- (9) A statement under subsection (8) may be published in such manner as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.