

*These notes refer to the Climate Change Act 2008 (c.27)
which received Royal Assent on 26th November 2008*

CLIMATE CHANGE ACT 2008

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 6: General supplementary provisions

Territorial scope of provisions relating to greenhouse gas emissions

Section 89: Territorial scope of provisions relating to greenhouse gas emissions

480. This section provides that emissions from sources or other matters occurring in, above or below “UK coastal waters” or on the “UK sector of the continental shelf” count as emissions from the UK.
481. *Subsection (2)* defines “UK coastal waters” as areas on the land side of the seaward limit of the territorial sea adjacent to the UK (i.e. out to 12 nautical miles), and “the UK sector of the continental shelf” by reference to section 1(7) of the Continental Shelf Act 1964 (broadly, out to 200 nautical miles or the half-way point between countries, whichever is closer).
482. *Subsection (3)* provides that this section is subject to section 30, which provides that emissions from international aviation and international shipping are not to be regarded as emissions from UK sources for the purposes of Part 1 of the Act, unless regulations have been made to bring them in.