STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2021 No. 750

CLIMATE CHANGE

The Carbon Budget Order 2021

Made - - - -	*23rd June 2021*
Coming into force - -	*24th June 2021*

A draft of this instrument was laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament, in accordance with sections 8(3) and 91(1) of the Climate Change Act 2008 ("the Act")(**1**).

Before the draft was so laid, the Secretary of State took into account—

(a) the advice of the Committee on Climate Change under section 34 of the Act, in accordance with section 9(1)(a) of the Act; and

(b) any representations made by the Scottish Ministers, the Welsh Ministers and the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs in Northern Ireland, in accordance with section 9(1)(b) of the Act(**2**).

This Order is made in accordance with the duty to set carbon budgets for budgetary periods imposed by sections 4(1)(a) and 8(1) of the Act, and is made with a view to—

(a) meeting the target in section 1, and the requirements of section 5, of the Act(**3**); and

(b) complying with the European and international obligations of the United Kingdom.

The Secretary of State has taken into account the matters mentioned in section 10(2) of the Act.

Accordingly the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 8(1) of the Act, makes the following Order:

Citation and coming into force

1. This Order may be cited as the Carbon Budget Order 2021 and comes into force on the day after the day on which it is made.

(**1**) 2008 c. 27.
(**2**) See the definitions of "national authority" and "the relevant Northern Ireland department" in sections 95 and 96.
(**3**) Section 1 was amended by the Climate Change Act 2008 (2050 Target Amendment) Order 2019 (S.I. 2019/1056), article 2. Section 5 was amended by the Climate Change Act 2008 (2020 Target, Credit Limit and Definitions) Order 2009 (S.I. 2009/1258), articles 2(2) and 2(3).

Carbon budget

2. The carbon budget for the 2033-2037 budgetary period is 965,000,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent(**4**).

Anne-Marie Trevelyan
Minister of State for Business, Energy and Clean Growth
Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

23rd June 2021

(**4**) See the definition of "tonne of carbon dioxide equivalent" in section 93.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order sets the carbon budget for the 2033-2037 budgetary period at 965 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent. Carbon budgets set a cap on the maximum level of the net UK carbon account for each five-year budgetary period. The net UK carbon account is defined in section 27 of the Climate Change Act 2008.

A full impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of business and the voluntary sector is available from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy at 1 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0ET and published with its Explanatory Memorandum alongside this instrument on www.legislation.gov.uk.