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The Carbon Accounting (Provision for 2018) Regulations 2020

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>4th February 2020</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>6th February 2020</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>28th February 2020</i>

The Secretary of State, before making these Regulations, has consulted with the Scottish Ministers, the Welsh Ministers and the Department for the Economy and the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs in Northern Ireland, in accordance with section 28(4)(b) of the Climate Change Act 2008 (“the Act”)(a).

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 26(1) and (2) and 27(3) and (4) of the Act, makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Carbon Accounting (Provision for 2018) Regulations 2020 and come into force on 28th February 2020.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

“the 2009 Regulations” means the Carbon Accounting Regulations 2009(b);

“aerodrome” has the same meaning as in article 4 of the Climate Change Act 2008 (2020 Target, Credit Limit and Definitions) Order 2009(c);

“the domestic aviation cap” means the figure produced as a result of carrying out the calculation set out in the Schedule to these Regulations;

“domestic aviation emissions” means the emissions of carbon dioxide arising from any aircraft during taking off, flying and landing when the aerodrome from which the aircraft takes off and the aerodrome at which the aircraft next lands are both located in the United Kingdom.

(a) 2008 c. 27.

(b) S.I. 2009/1257, amended by S.I. 2009/3146, 2015/775.

(c) S.I. 2009/1258.

Regulation 4 sets out the circumstances in which carbon units are to be credited to and debited from the net UK carbon account to take into account domestic aviation emissions during 2018. It relies on the calculation of a domestic aviation cap in accordance with the Schedule.

Regulation 5 of these Regulations places a duty on the Secretary of State to cancel all the carbon units (if any) credited to the net UK carbon account in respect of 2018 following their acquisition by the Secretary of State.

Regulation 6 amends the Carbon Accounting Regulations 2009 in two respects. First, it updates the definition of European Union allowance. Second, it amends the duty in regulation 9 of the 2009 Regulations on the Secretary of State to keep a register of carbon units credited to and debited from the net UK carbon account so that it takes account of these Regulations.

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.

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