

Emissions performance standard

(1) The Secretary of State may by regulation introduce an Emissions Performance Standard to apply to new electricity generation plant.

(2) In this section “Emission Performance Standard” means a restriction on the amount of carbon dioxide that electricity generation plants are permitted to emit.

(3) In setting such a level, the Secretary of State must take account of the latest information available to him on

- a. the most up-to-date scientific knowledge about climate change
- b. the advice of the Committee on Climate Change, particularly in relation to carbon budgets, medium and long-term emission reduction targets, and future emissions from the electricity generating sector
- c. the affordability of electricity prices for consumers
- d. national energy security

(4) The Secretary of State must set out his proposals for consultation within six months of the Passage of this Act, with final proposals to be placed before Parliament within 12 months.