STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2026 No. 727

CLIMATE CHANGE

The Climate Change Act 2008 (International Aviation and International Shipping) Regulations 2026

Made - - - -	*30th June 2026*
Coming into force - -	*1st July 2026*

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 30(1) and (6)(a) of the Climate Change Act 2008 ("the Act")(**1**).

A draft of this instrument has been laid before and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament in accordance with sections 31(5) and 91(1) of the Act.

Before the draft was so laid, the Secretary of State obtained and took into account the advice of the Committee on Climate Change, in accordance with section 31(1) of the Act.

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Climate Change Act 2008 (International Aviation and International Shipping) Regulations 2026.

(2) These Regulations come into force on the day after the day on which they are made.

(3) These Regulations extend to the United Kingdom.

Emissions from international aviation and international shipping

2.—(1) For the purposes of Part 1 of the Climate Change Act 2008 (carbon target and budgeting), the UK share of emissions from international aviation and international shipping count as emissions from sources in the United Kingdom for the 2033-2037 budgetary period(**2**) and all subsequent budgetary periods.

(2) In this regulation—

(a) "international aviation and international shipping" has the same meaning as in article 4 of the Climate Change Act 2008 (2020 Target, Credit Limit and Definitions) Order 2009(**3**);

(**1**) 2008 c. 27.
(**2**) "Budgetary periods" are defined in section 4(1)(a) of the Act.
(**3**) S.I. 2009/1258.

(b) "the UK share" of emissions from international aviation and international shipping means such emissions of greenhouse gases(**4**) from international aviation and international shipping as the United Kingdom is required to report in accordance with international carbon reporting practice(**5**).

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30th June 2026

(**4**) "Greenhouse gases" are defined in section 92(1) of the Act.
(**5**) "International carbon reporting practice" is defined in section 94 of the Act.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations make a change in respect of emissions to be counted as emissions from sources in the United Kingdom for the purposes of Part I of the Climate Change Act 2008 (c.27).

Regulation 2 provides for the UK share of emissions from international aviation and international shipping to count as emissions from sources in the United Kingdom for the 2033-2037 budgetary period and all subsequent budgetary periods. The UK share of emissions from international aviation and international shipping is to be such emissions of greenhouse gases as the United Kingdom is required to report in accordance with international carbon reporting practice.

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