

Clean Air Targets (World Health Organization Guidelines) Bill

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Require United Kingdom clean air targets to comply with World Health Organization guidelines; to require the Secretary of State to report annually to Parliament on that compliance; and for connected purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Duty to ensure clean air targets comply with WHO guidelines

- (1) It is the duty of the relevant national authority to ensure that clean air targets comply with World Health Organization guidelines.
- (2) In this Act, “relevant national authority” means—
 - (a) in relation to England, the Secretary of State; 5
 - (b) in relation to Wales, the Welsh Ministers;
 - (c) in relation to Scotland, the Scottish Ministers;
 - (d) in relation to Northern Ireland, the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs.
- (3) In this Act, “World Health Organization guidelines” means the Global Air Quality Guidelines issued by the World Health Organization on 22 September 2021 or, if the World Health Organization has revised or replaced those guidelines, the revised or replacement guidelines. 10

2 Annual reports on compliance

- (1) The Secretary of State must lay before Parliament annual reports on compliance with the duty in section 1. 15
- (2) Other relevant national authorities must supply the Secretary of State with the information necessary to compile reports under this section.
- (3) The first report under this section must be laid before Parliament in 2022.

3 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. 20

- (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Clean Air Targets (World Health Organization Guidelines) Act 2021.

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