



The Rt Hon David Cameron MP
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Dear Prime Minister

Noting that the Government must take a decision by the end of this year regarding inclusion of emissions from international aviation and shipping and the UK's carbon budget, we call on you to accept the recent advice of the Committee on Climate Change (CCC) by formally making provision for including emissions from these sectors in the carbon budgets.

It has always been central to the integrity of the Climate Change Act 2008 that all sectors of the economy must contribute towards a cut in emissions of at least 80% by 2050 and thus that aviation and shipping must be part of this long term emissions target. It is therefore an anomaly that emissions from these sectors are not yet formally counted in the carbon budgets, which, by setting limits on the total emissions allowed from the UK in successive 5 year periods, help to create certainty for investors. The CCC has stated that there is now no justification for excluding aviation or shipping in this way.

At the recent Energy and Climate Change Select Committee, representatives from both international aviation and shipping industries said they agreed with the findings of the CCC and saw no reason to continue to exclude these sectors from UK carbon budgets. The shipping industry considered that a failure to include shipping emissions would detract from substantial progress on reducing emissions by the International Maritime Organisation. Aviation representatives said that they were comfortable with the CCC's recommendations in relation to international aviation emissions.

With the UN now having committed to announcing a global policy framework for aviation carbon emissions in 2013, and efficiency measures for shipping having already been agreed, the time is right for the UK to commit to including aviation and shipping in our carbon accounts, bringing the sector into line with our world-leading legal framework for tackling climate change.

Yours sincerely,

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