

PRIVA UK RESPONDS TO LEGALLY BINDING NET ZERO EMISSIONS TARGET FOR 2050

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Today's announcement by Prime Minister Theresa May that the UK will eradicate its net contribution to climate change by 2050 has been warmly welcomed by leading building controls manufacturer Priva UK Ltd.

The statutory instrument to implement this will be laid in Parliament today, Wednesday 12 June. This will amend the Climate Change Act 2008.

This legislation will mean that the UK is on track to become the first G7 country to legislate for net zero emissions, with other major economies expected to follow suit. But it is imperative that other major economies follow suit. For that reason, the UK will conduct a further assessment within 5 years to confirm that other countries are taking similarly ambitious action, multiplying the effect of the UK's lead and ensuring that our industries do not face unfair competition.

Engaging fresh ideas

Theresa May will also meet young science and engineering students today to discuss the ambitious new target, which is based on advice from independent experts: the Committee on Climate Change. The new Youth Steering Group, set up by DCMS and led by the British Youth Council, will advise Government on priorities for environmental action and give a view on progress to date against existing commitments on climate, waste and recycling, and biodiversity loss. They will start their review in July.

Prime Minister Theresa May said:

“As the first country to legislate for long-term climate targets, we can be truly proud of our record in tackling climate change. We have made huge progress in growing our economy and the jobs market while slashing emissions. Now is the time to go further and faster to safeguard the environment for our children. This country led the world in innovation during the Industrial Revolution, and now we must lead the world to a cleaner, greener form of growth.

“Standing by is not an option. Reaching net zero by 2050 is an ambitious target, but it is crucial that we achieve it to ensure we protect our planet for future generations.”

Gavin Holvey, UK & Ireland Sales Manager at Priva UK Ltd, comments:

“As an environmentally conscious and responsible business – Priva UK Ltd stands firmly behind the Government’s commitment to achieve net zero emissions by 2050. Right across our business – at home and abroad - we support legislation that injects new impetus and energy into the race to fight climate change. We already play an active part in the climate crisis challenge by working with our customers and partners to reduce CO2 emissions within the UK’s built environment. But, we are of course ready to work even harder to meet the ambitious – but, much-needed – goal by 2050.

“Low carbon technology and clean energy contribute £44.5 billion to our economy every year; Priva UK is proud to show its support for climate leadership drives UK competitiveness and secure long-term prosperity.”

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