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[News story: Government publishes updated plan to tackle climate change](#)

The second [National Adaptation Programme 2018 to 2023](#) setting out an ambitious strategy for dealing with the effects of a changing climate has been published by the government today (Thursday).

It comes after the [Climate Change Risk Assessment was published in January 2017](#) and addresses the risks affecting communities across England. It also sets out the government's ongoing investment and work to tackle these risks.

This year marks the [tenth anniversary of the Climate Change Act \(2008\)](#) and the programme commits the government, business and local communities to actions recognising the trend towards warmer winters, hotter summers and changing rainfall patterns.

The UK leads the world in tackling climate change – since 1990 we have cut emissions by more than 40 per cent while growing the economy by more than two thirds, the best performance on a per person basis than any other G7 nation.

Some of the work being carried out includes a programme of work led by government to increase the security of water supply, to mitigate the impact of drought and dry weather events. This includes working with water companies to facilitate the construction of large water infrastructure, where it is needed, through the development of the National Policy Statement for water and engaging the public through strategies to reduce demand.

Environment Minister, Lord Gardiner said:

Our changing climate is one of the most serious environmental challenges that we face as a nation and that is why we are taking joint action between government, business and local communities. This work is improving flood defences across the country and securing our critical food and water supplies, so we are climate ready. The latest National Adaptation Programme will help us develop our long-term plans to tackle these risks so we can continue our work to protect the nation today and for future generations.

As part of the NAP, the government has set out a strategy for inviting infrastructure operators to report on the actions they are taking to adapt to climate change.

The government will work with sectors and provide support to organisations as they develop their reporting processes, which will help them understand and take action to address the impacts of climate on their businesses. A full list of reporting organisations will be published later in the year.

In the last reporting cycle, 86 organisations completed adaptation reports. The [Energy Networks Association](#), the industry body of companies that carry electricity and gas to UK homes and businesses, reported under the Adaptation Reporting Power (ARP).

They identified very clearly the climate risks their industry is facing, presented the risks and opportunities arising and set out actions they are implementing to adapt. For instance, they include work on flooding adaptation, on reviewing critical industry standards, and an ongoing monitoring of climate impacts.

The NAP complements the government's Clean Growth Strategy which sets out how the whole country can benefit from low carbon economic opportunities through the creation of new technologies and new businesses, which creates jobs and prosperity across the UK, while meeting our ambitious national and targets to tackle climate change.

[News story: Civil news: 2018 civil contract documents updated](#)

We have now published the final draft of the contract documents which form the 2018 Standard Civil Contract.

The amendments made are minor in nature and aim to clarify issues which have appeared since the first draft was published.

The following 2018 Standard Civil Contract documents have been amended:

1. Standard terms
2. Specification (general rules)
3. Family mediation specification
4. Immigration and asylum and IRCs specification
5. Schedule
6. Category definitions

We have also published a separate schedule which will be used for providers carrying out mediation contract work.

Further information

[2018 Standard Civil Contract](#) – to download final draft versions of contract documents

[Press release: £1.5 billion space export campaign to fuel British industry growth](#)

The 'Space Exports' campaign will see 2 of the world's fastest growing markets targeted with trade missions, led by newly appointed Her Majesty's Trade Commissioner [Antony Philipson](#). In India the Department for International Trade (DIT) will also increase its operation by recruiting British space sector experts to work in market.

The campaign comes as 40% of the entire globe's small satellites are built in the UK, highlighting the huge capability in country. The International Trade Secretary will use the opportunity of leaving the European Union to make the most of global engagement with a sector that is growing 15 times faster than the rest of the UK economy.

The UK space industry's growth has been quick, doubling in size since 2010, with exports growing to £5 billion in 2014/15, or 36.4% of total income. The

campaign will seek to increase the number of nations that are using the specialist products British businesses produce ahead of the UK's departure from the EU.

International Trade Secretary, Dr Liam Fox MP, said:

Our space industry is thriving as years of strong growth has seen the UK secure its reputation as a leading space nation.

To sustain this, we need to be reaching new markets with huge potential like India and the USA. As an international economic department, we'll achieve this through our new space exports programme, which will help meet the ambition of both government and industry to see space exports reach £40 billion by 2030.

With over a third of its business coming through overseas sales, the space sector is a great example of the benefits of seizing global opportunities which in turn create jobs back home.

Her Majesty's Trade Commissioner to North America, Antony Phillipson, said:

The space sector in the US presents tremendous opportunities for high-quality British goods and services. We are both nations with a rich heritage in space technology.

Through the UK government's extensive and expert trade and investment network, British business will be well-placed to make a major contributions to jobs, just as US firms will be in the UK. Together we can boost jobs and economic growth in both countries.

Graham Peters, Chair of UK Space said:

The UK has a proud history of leveraging its space expertise to become a leader in commercial aspects of space. We are delighted to be working with government to promote UK capabilities overseas to underpin the continued growth of the sector.

Dr Jaime Reed Industry Co-Chair of the Space Growth Partnership's Space Exports Group said:

Industry and DIT have been working closely to build a solid evidence base demonstrating the potential for significant new UK business in major global markets. It's fantastic to see the government committing to growth through these new announcements.

The government is engaging with the sector to determine how best to create a

sector deal with them that drives forward the modern Industrial Strategy. Low cost access to space is an important part of this, and there have been significant steps taken this week to enable small satellite launch from UK soil for the first time.

The space sector is not the only one that can benefit from expansion into the US and India. The UK's aerospace companies carry a strong reputation around the globe and this has been exemplified by Derby-based Pattonair, who last week announced that they would expand their manufacturing operation to Bangalore.

By opening their factory in Bangalore, Pattonair are aiming to tailor their supply chain services to customers in the region. When the new facility opens it will be the latest in a succession of British based companies in the city, with Airbus and Rolls-Royce also operating there.

Further information

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Case study

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