Public consultation on issues and impacts related to the CEN gas quality standard

Questions and answers

Purpose of this document

This document has been prepared by ENTSOG to facilitate the response to the public consultation referred above. More information on the public consultation can be found [here](http://www.entsog.eu/publications/interoperability#GAS-QUALITY-STANDARD-IMPACT-ANALYSIS).

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Use of the survey

1. Is there any “Save” button? Is it possible to stop filling in the questionnaire and resume it later?

There is no “Save” button as such but if the same laptop and web browser is used the answers will be retained. Once the “Send” button is clicked it will not be possible to modify the answer.

To avoid any inconveniences, it is advisable to download the [offline](http://www.entsog.eu/public/uploads/files/publications/INT%20Network%20Code/2016/INT0868-160428%20EN%2016726_2015%20impact%20questionnaire.rev%203.docx) questionnaire and translate answers from there.

1. Will a copy of the offline questionnaire be accepted as an answer?

No, it will not be accepted.

Participation

1. Are multiple replies from the same Member State allowed?

Yes, stakeholder participation is not limited in any way. Nevertheless, to facilitate ENTSOG analysis it is recommended to liaise with the relevant European stakeholder association and/or the respective national gas association.

Section 1: General questions

1. What is the objective of a binding reference to the EN16726:2015 in the Interoperability Network Code[[1]](#footnote-1)?

At the workshop organised by ENTSOG in Cologne on the 28th of April, the European Commission stated the objective is to remove barriers to a single market. The minimum goal is to ensure cross-border trade at interconnection points and the maximum goal could be to achieve integration of related markets (e.g. appliances market).

1. Should stakeholders consider the impact of Wobbe Index when preparing and submitting their answers?

CEN decided, with support from EC, to publish the standard without any requirement on Wobbe Index due to the lack of consensus on this parameter. In case a binding reference to the standard was made in the future, national requirements on Wobbe Index would still be valid and enforced.

Therefore, stakeholders should not consider or report any impact related to any Wobbe Index value.

1. What is the total sulfur content in gas regarding odourisation that end users might receive?

Odourisation is considered a national safety issue and it is outside of CEN standard scope. Therefore, total sulfur content at the end user side will be influenced by different policies applicable on national grounds.

Section 3: Scenarios

1. Under the ´whole chain´ scenario, would the standard be legally binding at EU import points?

The whole chain scenario has been proposed to analyse the potential impact of a binding application of the standard in all Member States without any consideration of national legislation and within the scope defined in the standard. That does not imply a decision about the binding application of the standard at points to non-EU countries. As the current version of the network code Interoperability in Art. 1 (2) sentence 4 leaves this decision to the NRAs this point is still open for discussion in the ongoing process.

1. What is the difference between the “transmission networks” and the “application at IPs” scenarios?

 “At IP level” means that only gas quality crossing the border is under consideration for a possible application of the standard. This allows other gas quality standards in the transmission system within a member state. “In Transmission networks” means that gas quality in the transmission system is under consideration.

1. EU Regulation 2015/703 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)