

EU Tariffs Code Update

December 2015

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13 October: ACER decided not to submit a formal Recommendation on TAR NC at Board of Regulators meeting

14-15 October: Madrid Forum

- No presentations given on TAR NC due to ACER not agreeing a Recommendation
- EC still to proceed with comitology process on TAR NC in Q1 2016



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14-15 October: Madrid Forum

EC stated:

- Code should be as ambitious as possible but also realistic
- Transparency is the key issue from stakeholders
- Timescales for development to remain the same
- Will involve ENTSOG and ACER in further development



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20 October: Informal Member State Meeting

- Discussion on content of the TAR NC
- PwC/Strategy& Impact Assessment was presented
- Member States asked to outline their concerns
- EC next steps:
 - EC to look at "10 main issues."
 - Look at proposals to be included over next few weeks
 - Aim for revised code text for beginning of December



Impact Assessment on EU Tariffs Code

Impact Assessment now published

- <u>https://ec.europa.eu/energy/sites/ener/files/documents/2015100</u> <u>8_IA%20-%20TAR%20Gas_Final_Report_vf.pdf</u>
- Study done for EC by Strategy&/PwC
- Preferred policy options in study closely align with TAR NC
- EC will create separate IA based on this study but likely to prefer different policy options
- EC IA should be ready for mid-January

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- 6,10 & 23 November: Trilateral meetings between EC, ACER & ENTSOG on potential changes to TAR NC
 - EC outlined their proposed changes
 - ENTSOG and ACER inputted into the proposals
- 15 December 2015: EC to hold an open informal information session on the key changes to the Tariff Code.

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- End February 2016: EC to publish the revised text of the code in the comitology register.
- 10-11 March 2016: pre-comitology meeting of Member States (where the English language texts will be discussed).
- 28-29 April 2016: First formal comitology meeting (using the translated texts) where Member States will formally propose any amendments.

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- 29-30 June 2016: 2nd formal comitology meeting where EC will present revised text and a vote on the Tariff Code and CAM amendment is expected.
- **EC** has no plan for a 3rd Comitology Meeting
- Process aims for completion by end 2016



EU Incremental Amendment Update



Incremental Amendment to CAM

- **13 October:** ACER Board of Regulators approved revised text
- Proceeding through process on same timeline at TAR NC
- Although latest text is improved, ENTSOG still has some concerns
 - Need to protect option to offer fixed price in order to have a meaningful incremental test.
 - Offer period for incremental capacity must be fully aligned to that of existing capacity
 - Incremental processes (design phase) should be triggered at any time where non-binding demand indications are deemed sufficient to justify a dedicated project (this was foreseen in earlier drafts)
 - There should be more flexibility in when the alternative allocation mechanism can be used