

**DECISION
OF THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL OF THE ENERGY COMMUNITY**

**2018/1/MC-EnC on adopting Regulation (EU) 2016/1952 of 26 October 2016 on
European statistics on natural gas and electricity prices and repealing Directive
2008/92/EC**

THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL OF THE ENERGY COMMUNITY,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the Energy Community ('the Treaty'), and in particular Article 100(ii) thereof;

Having regard to Energy Community Ministerial Council Decision D/2012/MC-EnC of 19 October 2012 on the implementation of the rules on energy statistics in the Energy Community (Regulation (EC) 1099/2008 and Directive 2008/92/EC and in particular Article 2 thereof);

Having regard to the institutional framework of the Energy Community;

Whereas the European Parliament and the Council adopted the Regulation (EU) 2016/1952 of 26 October 2016 on European statistics on natural gas and electricity prices and repealing Directive 2008/92/EC;

Taking into account the conclusion of the energy statistics experts from the Energy Community at their twelfth workshop on 22 November 2016 to converge towards the European Union applicable legislation and practices;

Having regard to the Conclusion of the Permanent High Level Group of the Energy Community adopted at its 44th meeting held on 15 December 2016 to (1) encourage the early implementation of the Regulation on price statistics in all Contracting Parties following the same reporting time schedule as relevant for the EU, referring to data reported under the Directive with the aim to ensure continuity of data collection and submission, and (2) to invite the European Commission and the Secretariat to launch a written procedure for early adoption of the Regulation by the Ministerial Council;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Each Contracting Party shall, not later than 1 March 2018, bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with Regulation (EU) 2016/1952 of 26 October 2016 on European statistics on natural gas and electricity prices and repealing Directive 2008/92/EC.

Article 2

For the purpose of the Treaty establishing the Energy Community, references to 'Member States' throughout the text of Regulation (EU) 2016/1952 shall be read as 'Contracting Parties'.

In Article 4, paragraph 3, the words 'Commission (EUROSTAT)' shall be replaced to read 'the Energy Community Secretariat'.

In Article 9, paragraphs 1 and 2, the word 'Commission' shall be replaced to read 'the Energy Community Secretariat'.

Article 3

This Decision enters into force on the day of its adoption and is addressed to the Contracting Parties.

Done by written procedure on 3 January 2018

For the Ministerial Council

Presidency
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