European statistics on natural gas and electricity prices

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The Committee on Industry, Research and Energy adopted the report by Barbara KAPPEL (ENF, AT) on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on European statistics on natural gas and electricity prices and repealing Directive 2008/92/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning a Community procedure to improve the transparency of gas and electricity prices charged to industrial end-users.

The committee recommended that the European Parliament's position adopted at first reading following the ordinary legislative procedure should amend the Commission proposal as follows:

Data collection and compilation system: Members stated that the Member States shall ensure that data collection and compilation system in place provides comprehensible and comparable high quality data that represent prices of natural gas and electricity.

Assessing the quality of data: where the Commission (Eurostat) identifies statistically significant anomalies or inconsistencies in data provided, it may request from the national authorities an appropriate breakdown of the data as well as the calculation or evaluation methods upon which the data provided are based, in order to assess the data and, if necessary request that any data or any information deemed to be inaccurate is corrected or amended and then resubmitted by the Member State concerned.

Dissemination of statistics: the Commission (Eurostat) shall disseminate natural gas and electricity price statistics no later than three months after the end of each reference period/

Delegated acts: Members deleted the provisions of the proposal empowering the Commission to adopt delegated acts with a view to adjusting the thresholds that may apply to the natural gas market.