Basic information

1996/0174(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Directive	Procedure completed
Minimum stocks of fossil fuel at thermal power stations (repeal. Direct. 75 /339/EEC) **Subject** 3.60.03 Gas, electricity, natural gas, biogas	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
ENER Research, Technological Development and Energy	SCAPAGNINI Umberto (UPE)	02/10/1996

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Energy	1975	1996-12-03
Fisheries	1983	1996-12-20

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
10/07/1996	Legislative proposal published	COM(1996)0320	Summary
11/11/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
13/11/1996	Vote in committee		
13/11/1996	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0370/1996	
20/12/1996	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
20/12/1996	End of procedure in Parliament		
07/01/1997	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1996/0174(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Directive

Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 52-p2 EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 103A
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	**Committee**	**Reference**	**Date**	**Summary**
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0370/1996 OJ C 380 16.12.1996, p. 0004	13/11/1996	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0636/1996 OJ C 380 16.12.1996, p. 0012-0018	28/11/1996	Summary
European Commission				
Document type		**Reference**	**Date**	**Summary**
Document attached to the procedure		COM(1996)0032	10/07/1996	
Legislative proposal		COM(1996)0320	10/07/1996	Summary
Other institutions and bodies				
Institution/body	**Document type**	**Reference**	**Date**	**Summary**
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES1394/1996 OJ C 066 03.03.1997, p. 0038	27/11/1996	Summary

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Final act	
Decision 1997/0007 OJ L 003 07.01.1997, p. 0006	Summary

Minimum stocks of fossil fuel at thermal power stations (repeal. Direct. 75/339/EEC)

1996/0174(CNS) - 20/12/1996 - Final act

The Council adopted Decision 97/7/EC which repeals Directive 75/339/EEC obliging the Member States to maintain minimum stocks of fossil fuel at thermal power stations.

Minimum stocks of fossil fuel at thermal power stations (repeal. Direct. 75 /339/EEC)

1996/0174(CNS) - 27/11/1996

The Committee welcomes the repeal proposals contained in the Commission communication. At the same time, it would wish to make a number of comments and recommendations which deal more specifically with the two fields concerned. Firstly and most importantly, no political progress has been made in the area of legislation on oil and crisis measures during the last twelve months. Since this area of energy policy dates back a long way, a special effort is needed to bring it up to date, rationalize it and adjust it to the new European and international context. The Committee notes the renewed commitment on the part of the Commission to present a communication on this subject in 1997, and very much hopes that it will be supported by new proposals that take the directions outlined in both this and its previous opinion. Concerning legislation on energy efficiency, the Committee returns to the question - raised in its previous opinion - of the Commission's maintenance of Directive 78/170/EEC. This earlier opinion took the view that the Commission's reasons for retaining the directive were inadequate, particularly since the Commission itself drew attention to the original shortcomings of the Directive and its subsequent patchy implementation by the Member States. As the Commission has not supplied the additional information which it had requested, the Committee calls on the Commission to present a report justifying the implementation of this directive and - if its maintenance is merited in terms of Community added value - to present proposals ensuring that it is applied uniformly in all Member States. The Committee concludes by welcoming the Commission's intention of making a study of existing Community legislation every two years. In order to make this exercise as useful and relevant as possible, the Committee would however also suggest that any new proposal be backed up by an impact form, following the example of what is done for SMEs. Here the Committee would recall that it has also already suggested that, where appropriate, all new legislation should include provisions repealing existing legislation which is thereby rendered obsolete. As well as helping to rationalize Community legislation (and this is the aim of these reviews), such a move would also make Community activity in the energy field clearer and more consistent.

Minimum stocks of fossil fuel at thermal power stations (repeal. Direct. 75 /339/EEC)

1996/0174(CNS) - 03/12/1996

The Council reached a political agreement on the Decision. It was recalled that on 29 November 1994 the Energy Council had adopted conclusions inviting the Commission to submit suitable proposals for simplifying and reducing Community legislation in the energy sector. The first set of decisions repealing a number of Community legislative texts in the field of energy policy was adopted by the Council at its session of 28 March 1996.

Minimum stocks of fossil fuel at thermal power stations (repeal. Direct. 75 /339/EEC)

1996/0174(CNS) - 28/11/1996 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

In adopting the report by Mr Umberto Scapagnini (UPE, I), Parliament approved the proposal for a Council Directive repealing Directive 75/339/EEC obliging the Member States to maintain minimum stocks of fossil fuel at thermal power stations.

Minimum stocks of fossil fuel at thermal power stations (repeal. Direct. 75 /339/EEC)

1996/0174(CNS) - 10/07/1996 - Legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: repeal of Directive 75/339/EEC obliging the Member States to maintain minimum stocks of fossil fuel at thermal power stations.
SUBSTANCE: this Directive was adopted in the wake of the oil crisis in the 1970s in order to help to improve the Community's security of supply. The Commission believes that, were a crisis to arise, the Directive would no longer be useful to improve electricity supplies. It therefore proposes to repeal it.