Basic information

2026/0325(COD) COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation	Awaiting Parliament's position in 1st reading
Reduction of methane emissions in the energy sector: postponement of certain obligations Amending Regulation (EU) 2024/1787 2021/0423(COD) **Subject** 3.70.02 Atmospheric pollution, motor vehicle pollution	

Key players

European Parliament	**Joint committee responsible**	**Rapporteur**	**Appointed**
	ENVI Environment, Climate and Food Safety		
	ITRE Industry, Research and Energy		
Council of the European Union			
European Commission	**Commission DG**	**Commissioner**	
	Energy	JØRGENSEN Dan	
European Economic and Social Committee			
European Committee of the Regions			

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
14/10/2026	Legislative proposal published	COM(2026)0569	
15/10/2026	Urgent procedure requested by a political group		
19/10/2026	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
22/10/2026	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T10-0360/2026	Summary
22/10/2026	Matter referred back to the committee responsible for interinstitutional negotiations		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2026/0325(COD)

Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Amendments and repeals	Amending Regulation (EU) 2024/1787 2021/0423(COD)
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 170-p6 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 192-p1
Mandatory consultation of other institutions	European Economic and Social Committee European Committee of the Regions
Stage reached in procedure	Awaiting Parliament's position in 1st reading
Committee dossier	CJ10/10/06932

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, partial vote at 1st reading /single reading		T10-0360/2026	22/10/2026	Summary

European Commission

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Legislative proposal	COM(2026)0569	14/10/2026	

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Meetings with interest representatives published in line with the Rules of Procedure

Other Members

Transparency

Name	Date	Interest representatives
HANSEN Niels Flemming	21/10/2026	Environmental Defense Fund Europe (Stichting Environmental Defense Fund International)
HANSEN Niels Flemming	24/09/2026	Green Transition Denmark

Reduction of methane emissions in the energy sector: postponement of certain obligations

2026/0325(COD) - 22/10/2026 - Text adopted by Parliament, partial vote at 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 341 votes to 225, with 6 abstentions, **amendments** to the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2024/1787 on the reduction of methane emissions in the energy sector as regards the postponement of certain obligations.

The matter was referred back to the committee responsible for interinstitutional negotiations.

The main amendments adopted in plenary session are as follows:

Equivalence of monitoring, reporting and verification measures

Under Parliament's proposal, importers of crude oil, natural gas and coal would have until **31 May 2031** (instead of 31 May 2029), to show that supply contracts concluded or renewed since 4 August 2024 cover only fuel subject to monitoring, reporting and verification measures equivalent to EU rules.

With regard to contracts concluded before 4 August 2024 for the supply of crude oil, natural gas or coal produced outside the Union, importers should make every reasonable effort to require that the crude oil, natural gas or coal be subject to producer-level monitoring, reporting and verification measures equivalent to those provided for in this Regulation.

The amended text provides that by **31 May 2031** at the latest (instead of 31 May 2029) importers should inform the competent authorities of the Member State in which they are established each year of the **results of these efforts** for the previous calendar year and, and, in case of failure, provide sound justification to those competent authorities for such failure and set out the actions that they have undertaken as part of those efforts.

Furthermore, EU producers and importers should first report the methane intensity of the fossil fuels they place on the EU market by 5 August 2031, not 5 August 2029.

Monitoring and reporting

Members want to give EU oil and gas operators **three more years** to submit verified reports combining source-level and site-level methane measurements - supplemented by measurements of methane emissions at the site level: until **5 February 2030** (instead of 5 February 2027) for operated assets, and until **5 August 2031** (instead of 5 August 2028) for non-operated assets.

Crude oil, natural gas and coal from third countries subject to restrictive measures

The additional time granted by this Regulation **should not benefit** crude oil, natural gas or coal originating in, or exported directly or indirectly from, third countries subject to restrictive measures adopted under Article 29 TEU or Article 215 TFEU prohibiting or restricting the import into the Union of those products from those countries.

To prevent any circumvention, importers should declare these volumes separately, including when they are part of mixed cargoes. The Commission should publish and update an indicative list of the countries concerned.

Review of implementation and security of supply

Members want the Commission to submit, **by 1 July 2029**, a report on the implementation of the provisions relating to importers and methane intensity. This report would cover national penalty regimes, the accreditation of verifiers, the recognition of compliance solutions, the information provided in accordance with the regulation, and the security of supply situation. Where necessary, the Commission should propose changes to the regulation in case of continued challenges for implementation or a threat to the security of supply.