

Council Directive 2009/119/EC of 14 September 2009 imposing an obligation on Member States to maintain minimum stocks of crude oil and/or petroleum products

*Article 2*

**Definitions**

For the purposes of this Directive:

- (a) ‘reference year’ means the calendar year of the consumption or of the net import data used to calculate either the stocks to be held or the stocks actually held at a given time;
- (b) ‘additives’ means non-hydrocarbon compounds added to or blended with a product to modify its properties;
- (c) ‘biofuel’ means liquid or gaseous fuel for transport produced from biomass, ‘biomass’ being the biodegradable fraction of products, waste and residues from agriculture (including vegetable and animal substances), forestry and related industries, as well as the biodegradable fraction of industrial and municipal waste;
- (d) ‘inland consumption’ means the total quantities, calculated according to Annex II, delivered within a country for both energy and non-energy use; this aggregate includes deliveries to the transformation sector and deliveries to industry, transport, households and other sectors for ‘final’ consumption; it also includes the own consumption of the energy sector (except refinery fuel);
- (e) ‘effective international decision to release stocks’ means any decision in force taken by the Governing Board of the International Energy Agency to make crude oil or petroleum products available to the market by a release of its members ‘stocks and/or additional measures’;
- (f) ‘central stockholding entity’ (CSE) means the body or service upon which powers may be conferred to act to acquire, maintain or sell oil stocks, including emergency stocks and specific stocks;
- (g) ‘major supply disruption’ means a substantial and sudden drop in the supply of crude oil or petroleum products to the Community or to a Member State, irrespective of whether or not it has led to an effective international decision to release stocks;
- (h) ‘international marine bunkers’ has the meaning given in Section 2.1 of Annex A to Regulation (EC) No 1099/2008;
- (i) <sup>[F1</sup>‘oil stocks’ means stocks of the energy products listed in Chapter 3.4 of Annex A to Regulation (EC) No 1099/2008;]
- (j) ‘emergency stocks’ means the oil stocks that each Member State is required to maintain pursuant to Article 3;
- (k) ‘commercial stocks’ means those oil stocks held by economic operators which are not a requirement under this Directive;
- (l) ‘specific stocks’ means oil stocks that meet the criteria set out in Article 9;

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- (m) ‘physical accessibility’ means arrangements for locating and transporting stocks to ensure their release or effective delivery to end users and markets within time frames and conditions conducive to alleviating the supply problems which may have arisen.

The definitions set out in this Article may be clarified or amended in accordance with the regulatory procedure referred to in Article 23(2).

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**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Substituted by [Commission Implementing Directive \(EU\) 2018/1581 of 19 October 2018 amending Council Directive 2009/119/EC as regards the methods for calculating stockholding obligations.](#)