

Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 on conditions for access to the natural gas transmission networks and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1775/2005 (Text with EEA relevance)

*Article 3*

**Certification of transmission system operators**

1 The Commission shall examine any notification of a decision on the certification of a transmission system operator as laid down in Article 10(6) of Directive 2009/73/EC as soon as it is received. Within two months of the day of receipt of such notification, the Commission shall deliver its opinion to the relevant national regulatory authority in regard to its compatibility with Article 10(2) or Article 11, and Article 9 of Directive 2009/73/EC.

When preparing the opinion referred to in the first subparagraph, the Commission may request the Agency to provide its opinion on the national regulatory authority's decision. In such a case, the two-month period referred to in the first subparagraph shall be extended by two further months.

In the absence of an opinion by the Commission within the periods referred to in the first and second subparagraphs, the Commission shall be deemed not to raise objections against the regulatory authority's decision.

2 Within two months of receiving an opinion of the Commission, the national regulatory authority shall adopt its final decision regarding the certification of the transmission system operator, taking the utmost account of that opinion. The regulatory authority's decision and the Commission's opinion shall be published together.

3 At any time during the procedure regulatory authorities and/or the Commission may request from a transmission system operator and/or an undertaking performing any of the functions of production or supply any information relevant to the fulfilment of their tasks under this Article.

4 Regulatory authorities and the Commission shall preserve the confidentiality of commercially sensitive information.

5 The Commission may adopt Guidelines setting out the details of the procedure to be followed for the application of paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article. Those measures, designed to amend non-essential elements of this Regulation by supplementing it, shall be adopted in accordance with the regulatory procedure with scrutiny referred to in Article 28(2).

6 Where the Commission has received notification of the certification of a transmission system operator under Article 9(10) of Directive 2009/73/EC, the Commission shall take a decision relating to certification. The regulatory authority shall comply with the Commission decision.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are outstanding changes not yet made to Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council. Any changes that have already been made to the legislation appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- Art. 3-5 omitted by [S.I. 2019/530 Sch. 2 para. 3](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole legislation item and associated provisions**

- Signature words omitted by [S.I. 2019/530 Sch. 2 para. 18](#)
- Art. 6(1)(d) words substituted in earlier amending provision S.I. 2018/1286, reg. 10 by [S.I. 2020/1016 reg. 2\(5\)\(a\)](#)
- Art. 6(1)(h) words substituted in earlier amending provision S.I. 2018/1286, reg. 10 by [S.I. 2020/1016 reg. 2\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 16(2)(c) substituted by [S.I. 2019/530 Sch. 2 para. 7\(2\)](#)
- Art. 28A28B inserted by [S.I. 2018/1286 reg. 14](#)
- Art. 30A30B substituted for Art. 30 by [S.I. 2019/530 Sch. 2 para. 16](#)