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Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délai - Kein Fristbeginn - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nezahajuje prodlení - Fristerne indledes ikke - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - No abre el plazo - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Ne otvara razdoblje kašnjenja - Nem nyitja meg a késésekét - Non fa decorrere la mora - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Atlikšanas laikposms nesākas - Ma jiftaħ il-perijodi ta' dewmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Não inicia o prazo - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nezačína oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Inleder ingen frist - Ní osclaíonn sé na moilleanna

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1. MSG 001 IND 2026 0385 PL EN 20-07-2026 PL NOTIF

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4. 2026/0385/PL - N30E - Gas

5. Regulation of the Minister for Energy and the Minister for Climate and the Environment on quality requirements for liquefied natural gas (LNG)

6. Liquefied natural gas (LNG)
quality requirements

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8. The Annex to the Regulation lays down the parameters (and ranges) for liquefied natural gas (LNG), including liquefied biomethane, which will be subject to inspection by the Trade Inspectorate in accordance with the provisions of the Act on the system for monitoring and controlling fuel quality.

These parameters are:

- (1) nitrogen content;
- 2) oxygen content;
- 3) hydrogen sulphide and carbonyl sulphide;
- 4) total sulphur content;
- 5) combustion heat;
- 6) Wobbe number;
- 7) methane number.

9. The need to regulate quality requirements for liquefied natural gas (LNG), including liquefied biomethane, stems not only from the obligation to implement a statutory mandate, but above all from ongoing technological development and the growing interest of the fuel sector in the production of liquefied natural gas (LNG), including liquefied biomethane, intended for use as motor vehicle fuel, on the territory of Poland.

Furthermore, the definition of quality requirements for liquefied natural gas (LNG), including liquefied biomethane, which has the same quality parameters as liquefied natural gas (LNG), intended for use as motor vehicle fuel, will enable liquefied natural gas (LNG), including liquefied biomethane, to be covered by the Fuel Quality Monitoring and Control System (Article 11(1) of the Act on the Fuel Quality Monitoring and Control System), which is administered by the President of the Office for Competition and Consumer Protection pursuant to Article 12(1) of the Act on the Fuel Quality Monitoring and Control System.

9a. The intended purpose of the Regulation is to define quality parameters for LNG, which will enable it to be subject to fuel quality control carried out by the Trade Inspectorate as part of the Fuel Quality Monitoring and Control System. Only fuels covered by this system may be produced and placed on the market in Poland. This will contribute to the development and wider adoption of alternative fuels such as LNG, and will strengthen the country's energy security by diversifying energy sources in the transport sector. Since the project regulates the quality requirements for liquefied natural gas (LNG), both from natural gas and from renewable sources, the project may affect the development of biomethane production in Poland. Based on the available data, the use of LNG in road and maritime transport allows for a significant reduction in the amount of pollutants entering the atmosphere compared to traditional diesel. Due to the fact that this fuel emits much less harmful substances into the atmosphere, which translates into a reduction in air pollution, the project is in the public interest.

9b. The minister competent for the management of energy raw materials and the minister competent for climate, on the basis of the existing authorisation contained in Article 3(2)(5) of the Act of 25 August 2006 on

the system for monitoring and controlling the quality of fuels, are required to determine, by means of a regulation, the quality requirements for liquefied natural gas (LNG), taking into account the values of quality parameters specified in the relevant standards in this respect, the state of technical knowledge resulting from testing this fuel or experience in its use. The issuance of the Regulation therefore constitutes implementation of the applicable statutory provisions. There are no other alternative or less restrictive ways of achieving this objective. The Regulation constitutes the implementation of a statutory obligation. The Regulation does not restrict the internal market. The draft may have the effect of restricting cross-border trade and cross-border services in connection with the foreseeable development of the production of this fuel in Poland and thereby reducing its imports from third countries. The draft will free up the market for liquefied natural gas, including that obtained from biomethane, in Poland.

9c. The restrictions imposed by the measure — namely, the requirement to produce LNG and liquefied biomethane in accordance with the quality requirements set out in the Regulation — are proportionate to the importance of the public interest objective pursued, namely to reduce the negative impact of transport on air quality. Failure to meet the target will result in a slowing down of the development of the alternative fuels market in Poland.

10. References to basic texts:

11. No

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13. No

14. No

15. Yes

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TBT aspects: No

SPS aspects: No

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