

**Gas System  
Operator**

# EU Update

**Transmission Workgroup**

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# EU Gas Quality Update

The CEN working group developing Wobbe Index (WI) proposals to be included into the EU standard EN 16726:2015 is consulting stakeholders on that working group and national standardisation bodies on initial proposals:

- De-coupling of entry and exit WI ranges
- EU wide WI entry range of 46.44 MJ/m<sup>3</sup> – 54.00 MJ/m<sup>3</sup>
- Transmission and distribution exit points\* to be classified according to the WI that network operators expected them receive:
  - ‘Specified’ class: within a range of 3.7 MJ/m<sup>3</sup>
  - ‘Extended’ class: expected range beyond 3.7 MJ/m<sup>3</sup>

The proposals were issued to BSI for comment ahead of a public consultation

BSI asked National Grid and other GB stakeholders to contribute views

\* Defined as “points at which gas leaves the distribution or gas transmission system for end use”

# Summary of NG Views Submitted to BSI

## Entry Range

NG could not apply the proposed entry range because it exceeds the allowable GB specification under GS(M)R

If such a range were included in the standard, it is assumed that adoption would be voluntary, with MS retaining the competence for gas quality

## Exit Classification

A possible concept to resolve the competing drivers between entry and exit

There are issues to address before it could be implemented:

- Demonstration that this network operator solution is the economic option over investment at site level
- Cost recovery & potential cross subsidy
- Feasibility, given the diversified, flexible supply and demand patterns on the NTS
- Variability of WI of gases delivered at entry points
- Management of changes over time

# **EU Data Exchange Update**

**Equinor raised an issue on the Functionality Platform:**

**EU capacity booking platforms (such as PRISMA, GazSystem, RBP) as well as some TSOs use different interfaces and data exchange solutions for CAM/CMP capacity processes**

**Current EU Code obligation is for ‘interactive’ data exchange (i.e. a web portal) for these processes**

**Equinor recommend changing to a ‘document-based’ solution using Edigas-XML format**

**ENTSOG and ACER are preparing a public consultation on this issue which we expect will be issued in December**

**NG intends to notify the industry via the Joint Office once this is published**