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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2024/1787 of the European Parliament of the Council on the reduction of methane emissions in the energy sector¹, and in particular Article 12(4), second subparagraph thereof,

After consulting the Energy Union Committee,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EU) 2024/1787 lays down rules for the accurate measurement, quantification, monitoring, reporting and verification of methane emissions in the energy sector in the Union. Rules on tools ensuring transparency as regards methane emissions are also laid down by that Regulation.
- (2) Article 12(2) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1787 requires operators and undertakings established in the Union to submit a report to the competent authorities of the Member State where the asset is located containing quantification of source-level methane emissions. That report was to be submitted by 5 February 2026 for operated assets and is to be submitted by 5 February 2027 for non-operated assets.
- (3) Article 12(3) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1787 requires operators and undertakings established in the Union to submit a report to the competent authorities of the Member State where the asset is located containing quantification of source-level methane emissions, complemented by measurements of site-level methane emissions. Those reports are to be submitted by 5 February 2027 and by 31 May every year thereafter for operated assets and by 5 August 2028 and by 31 May every year thereafter for non-operated assets.
- (4) Additionally, Article 12(3) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1787 requires operators and undertakings, before submitting their reports to the competent authorities, to ensure that the reports are assessed by a verifier and include a verification statement issued in accordance with Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2024/1787.
- (5) Article 16(2) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1787 requires operators to submit to the competent authorities annual reports on all venting events and flaring events referred

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¹ OJ L, 2024/1787, 15.7.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1787/oj>.

to in Article 16(1) and in Article 15, in accordance with the elements set out in Annex III and as part of the relevant report referred to in Article 12 of that Regulation.

- (6) Article 18(3) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1787 requires operators to submit reports containing information on quantification of methane emissions and, where pressure monitoring equipment exists, information on pressure monitoring from all inactive wells and temporarily plugged wells to the competent authorities by 5 May 2026 and by 31 May every year thereafter, as part of the relevant report referred to in Article 12. Reports concerning inactive wells and temporarily plugged wells located in Member States with 40 000 or more inactive wells, temporarily plugged wells and permanently plugged and abandoned wells combined are required to be submitted within 12 months from the inclusion of each of the wells in the inventory and by 31 May every year thereafter.
- (7) Article 12(4) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1787 lists the minimum information to be included in the reports provided for in that Article, namely: type and location of the emission sources; detailed data for each type of emission source, reported in tonnes of methane and in tonnes of CO₂ equivalent; detailed information on the quantification methodologies; all methane emissions for operated assets; share of ownership and methane emissions from non-operated assets multiplied by the share of ownership and a list of the entities with operational control of the non-operated assets.
- (8) Article 12(6) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1787 requires operators and undertakings to compare source-level quantification of methane emissions and site-level measurement of methane emissions and to carry out a reconciliation process if there are statistically significant discrepancies between the source-level quantification and the site-level measurement of methane emissions. The templates should therefore contain dedicated lines for total methane emissions at source level and at site level to allow for such comparison.
- (9) Recital (83) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1787 provides that, in order to ensure uniform conditions for its implementation, implementing powers should be conferred on the Commission to adopt detailed rules with regard to templates for reporting methane emissions. It is thus necessary to specify detailed rules on how those reporting templates are to be submitted.
- (10) Article 30(1) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1787 requires the Commission to include relevant information, in particular the information submitted to it pursuant to Article 12(8) and Article 18(10), in a methane transparency database. Therefore, a methane transparency database should be established and maintained. The information subject to the reporting obligations set out in the templates covered by this Regulation should be made available through the methane transparency database. This will facilitate the use of the reporting templates established in this Regulation, ensuring uniform conditions for its implementation.
- (11) This Regulation should establish reporting templates for methane emissions reporting under Article 12 of Regulation (EU) 2024/1787, as well as for reporting under Article 16(2) and Article 18(3) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1787, which are considered part of the reporting under Article 12.
- (12) In order to facilitate the reporting obligations of operators, undertakings, Member States, competent authorities and the Commission, and with the purpose of ensuring high data consistency and efficiency within a secure reporting environment, the entire process of methane emission reporting from origination, submission, inspection to

making the reports available to the Commission should operate within a single integrated system of the methane transparency database.

- (13) The integration of a dedicated reporting system developed and maintained by the Commission into the methane transparency database should simplify and streamline the reporting process for operators, undertakings and Member States.
- (14) A robust verification framework safeguards the credibility and the transparency of the methane emission reporting process and ensures that the level of detail and technical complexity is applied in a harmonised way.
- (15) The European Data Protection Supervisor was consulted in accordance with Article 42(1) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council². Any processing of personal data performed by the Commission under this Regulation should be carried out in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1725. Any personal data collected under this Regulation should be retained by the Commission according to the retention periods indicated in the Commission's retention policy and in line with Regulation (EU) 2018/1725,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Subject matter

This Regulation lays down reporting templates for the reports provided for in Article 12 of Regulation (EU) 2024/1787, as well as for reporting under Article 16(2) and Article 18(3), to facilitate submission and management of methane emissions data.

Article 2

Definitions

For the purposes of this Regulation, the definitions in Article 2 of Regulation (EU) 2024/2787 shall apply.

The following definitions shall also apply:

(1) 'reporting entity' means any of the following persons:

(a) operators, as defined in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1787;

(b) undertakings, as defined in Article 2(23) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1787;

(2) 'reporting entity identification code' means a unique company identification code issued by a national or local authority of a Member State;

(3) 'activity factor' means a numerical value describing the size of the population of emitting equipment such as length of pipelines, number of valves (per type), number of pneumatic devices (per type), or the number of emitting events such as number of operating vents,

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² Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC (OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 39, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/1725/oj>).

multiplied, where relevant, by the duration of the emission, and it is used in combination with emission factor.

Article 3

Reporting templates

1. Within the scope of Article 1, reporting entities shall fill in the relevant templates set out in Annex II.
2. The information covered by the reporting templates set out in Annex II shall be provided by the reporting entities in accordance with the instructions for submitting the reporting templates in Annex I.
3. The competent authorities shall make the methane emissions reports of the reporting entities within their area of responsibility available to the Commission through the reporting system of the methane transparency database set out in Annex I.
4. The Commission shall collect, analyse and publish on the methane transparency database methane emission reports and data at company and country level.

Article 4

Entry into force

This Regulation shall enter into force on the [...] day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Commission
The President
[...]