

Decision of the Bundesrat

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning measures to safeguard the security of gas supply, and repealing Regulation (EU) No 994/2010

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At its 3th sitting on 22 April 2016 the Bundesrat adopted the following position pursuant to Sections 944 and 5 EUZBLG (Act on cooperation between the Federal State and the Länder in matters relating to the European Union):

1. On the proposal in general

The Bundesrat welcomes the aim of the proposed Regulation, a more effective prevention and mitigation of consequences of crises in the gas supply achieved. In the view of the Bundesrat, in Article 5 and in particular the monitoring of compliance with the proposed closer supply standard and the explicit inclusion of the solidarity principle in Article 12 appropriate measures.

2. Article 13 (exchange of information)

The petitioner considers that the proposal by the Commission is too far to disclose commercial contracts and can lead to distortions of competition. For the purpose of maintaining vertragsinhalten betriebsgeheim-nissen disclosure is therefore be-schränken data for assessing the security of natural gas supply in the EU are directly useful.

3. Direct transmission of the opinion

The Bundesrat is sending this opinion directly to the Commission.