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# Penalty regime

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# Methane Regulation – 2024/1787

- Penalties – Art 33.
- Art 33(1): The penalties provided for shall be effective, proportionate and dissuasive[...]
- Art 33(2): Member States shall [...] ensure that the competent authorities have the power to impose at least the following administrative penalties and administrative measures for infringements of Article [...] provided that they do not endanger the security of energy supply.





# Act on supplementary provisions to the Regulation on the reduction of methane emissions in the energy sector

- Orders and Coercive Fines
  - Section 7. The competent authority may issue orders to ensure compliance with the Methane Regulation, this Act, and regulations issued pursuant to this Act.
  - Subsection 2. The competent authority may impose daily coercive fines on any person who fails to comply with an order issued pursuant to subsection 1 regarding compliance with Article 12, Article 14(14), Article 16(2), Article 20, Article 23(1), Article 27(1), Article 28(1) and (2), and Article 29(1) and (2) of the Methane Regulation.
  - An order may specify a deadline for compliance, for example indicating the latest date by which an obligation to act must be fulfilled. Where no administrative rules have been established in advance concerning the length of the compliance deadline, the competent authority may determine the length of the deadline at its discretion.
- Penal provisions
  - Section 17. Unless a more severe penalty applies under other legislation, a person shall be punishable by a fine who fails to comply with an order issued pursuant to Section 7(1), or fails to provide information or provides false or misleading information as required under Section 4(2) or Section 8(1).

# Executive Order on supplementary provisions to the Regulation on the reduction of methane emissions in the energy sector

- Confiscation
  - Section 6. In the event of a violation of Article 12, Article 14(14), Article 16(2), Article 20, Article 23(1), Article 27(1), Article 28(1) and (2), and Article 29(1) and (2) of the Methane Regulation, any economic advantage obtained through the violations may be confiscated.
- Penal provisions
  - Section 7. Unless a more severe penalty applies under other legislation, a person who [does X or fails to Y] shall be punishable by a fine:
    - Specific violations listed in numbers from 1 to 19.



# Step-by-step

## Step 1

### Preliminary assessment and hearing

- Receive information or note expired deadline
- If information is missing → send hearing (request) and give the party an opportunity to be heard before deciding

## Step 2

### Decision and order

- Decide whether to issue an order to ensure compliance
- Order specifies legal basis, required actions, and (if relevant) a compliance deadline

## Step 3

### Enforcement and sanctions

- Monitor compliance
- If non-compliance → impose daily coercive fines, court-imposed fine and/or confiscation