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The EU Methane Regulation¹ and its obligations and deadlines are the result of an agreement between the co-legislators. The Commission's initial proposal did not contain an obligation for importers to demonstrate Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) equivalence for their imports (Article 28); this obligation and its deadline were introduced in the ordinary legislative procedure. However, it is now the Commission's duty to support and ensure its implementation.

Compliance with these provisions can be demonstrated by achieving reporting equivalent to Level 5 of the voluntary Oil and Gas Methane Partnership 2.0 (OGMP) framework, complemented by independent verification of the reports. OGMP covers ca. 45% of global oil and gas production. Based on their assessment, by 2027 ca 70% of OGMP production would reach Level 5.

Following the Parliament's 2021 resolution calling on the Commission to make all fossil fuel imports into the Union conditional on compliance with EU rules on MRV, Leak Detection and Repair (LDAR) and on venting and flaring applicable to the entire supply chain², the Commission examined options for mandatory MRV measures applicable to imports in the Impact Assessment³ accompanying the 2021 proposal. Based on the assessment, the Commission decided not to include such measures in its proposal.

The Commission has no empowerment to postpone these obligations. Nevertheless, the Commission is providing support for companies and competent authorities to comply with them, notably through a recommendation on compliance solutions and public questions and answers. The Commission has also adopted a recommendation on a temporary suspension of penalties for non-compliance, reflecting the current security of supply context.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1787/oj/eng>.

² 2021/2006(INI).

³ [https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=SWD\(2021\)459&lang=en](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=SWD(2021)459&lang=en) (p.77-80).