

**Question for written answer E-003659/2022
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Restrictive measures for natural gas condensate (NGC)

Under Council Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 giving effect to certain measures provided for in Council Decision 2014/512/CFSP, a number of restrictive measures have been adopted in view of Russia's actions in Ukraine. Further restrictive measures were subsequently imposed in a number of areas under Decision 2022/884/CFSP. The EU restrictions apply to crude oil and certain petroleum products originating in, or exported from, Russia, banning the direct or indirect purchase, import or transport thereof in the Member States, as well as insurance and reinsurance of the transport of such goods by sea to third countries.

According to documented technical analyses (SIGTTO of 21 October 2022), the above restrictions do not apply to natural gas condensate (NGC).

In view of this:

1. Can the Commission say what arrangements apply in the case of NGC, given that it is not covered by the restrictions imposed under Regulation 833/2014, which concern only petroleum products and oil obtained from bituminous minerals?
2. Will it provide immediate clarification regarding arrangements for NGC, which is a by-product of natural gas production?

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