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ERSE approves the new gas codes and the extension of the guarantees' regime to the gas market

ERSE approved the new gas codes, completing the adaptation of the regulation to the new national legal framework that now includes the production of renewable gases and low-carbon gases, and approved the extension of the guarantees' regime to the gas market.

Decree-Law n. 62/2020, of 28 August, established the organization and functioning of the now called National Gas System (SNG), before named National Natural Gas System. The main motivation for reviewing the legal regime was the introduction of a new activity – **production of renewable gases or low carbon gases** and injection into the gas networks, contributing to the decarbonisation of the gas sector. In this sense, ERSE's regulations now include these new activities and all the resulting commercial relations, creating a regulatory framework adequate to the reception of other gases into the natural gas networks.

It is a responsibility of the wholesale last resort supplier to buy the renewable and low carbon gases from producers, by request from suppliers, in order to ensure reaching the minimum quota for the incorporation of other gases by these market players. Network operators shall adapt their infrastructures to allow these other gases to use them.

The approved gas codes are the following:

- Code for Access to the Networks, Infrastructures and Interconnections (RARII);
- Code for Infrastructure Operation (ROI) and its Procedures' Manual for the Global Technical Management of the SNG (MPGTG), as well as the Directive relating to the operation gas for the transmission network;
- Tariff Code (RT).

The Commercial Relations Code and the Quality of Service Code were recently published and included the necessary adaptations to the new SNG legal regime.

ERSE also approved the extension to the SNG of the risk and guarantees' regime, which allows to improve the integrity of the gas market. The principles followed in this new regime are already in the Commercial Relations Code and in the Decree-Law n. 62/2020.

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