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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 292 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Council Decision 1999/280/EC of 22 April 1999 and the implementing Commission Decision 1999/566/EC of 26 July 1999, Member States communicate to the Commission consumer prices of petroleum products in force each Monday.
- (2) The Market Observatory for Energy (MOE) of the Commission then uses this data to publish a weekly Oil Bulletin listing consumer prices and net prices (excluding duties and taxes) of petroleum products in the EU Member States.
- (3) In Council Decision 1999/280/EC of 22 April 1999, the Council underlines the decisive role that transparency of consumer prices of petroleum products plays for the satisfactory operation of the internal market, in particular for the free movement of goods within the Community.
- (4) In the light of these objectives, some Member States expressed concerns that inconsistencies in the reporting process might impede direct consumer price comparisons.
- (5) To address the wish for stronger coordination of the reporting process the European Commission, taking into account the comments submitted by Member States' administrations and the results of two expert meetings, has developed a methodology that can be used by Member States desiring to improve the comparability of their reported data.
- (6) The use of the recommended reporting methodology will allow for a better comprehension of the underlying data, which will lead to greater transparency.
- (7) This Recommendation supplements Council Decision 1999/280/EC of 22 April 1999 and the implementing Commission Decision 1999/566/EC of 26 July 1999, which remain unaffected,

HAS ADOPTED THIS RECOMMENDATION:

1. Subject matter and scope

This Recommendation addresses the reporting methodology that can be used by Member States for the purposes of fulfilling their communication obligation concerning consumer prices of petroleum products laid down in Council Decision 1999/280/EC of 22 April 1999.

2. Recommended communication methodology

When communicating the consumer prices of petroleum products to the European Commission in accordance with Council Decision 1999/280/EC of 22 April 1999 and the implementing Commission Decision 1999/566/EC of 26 July 1999, Member States are recommended to apply the methodology laid down in the Annex to this Recommendation.

3. Addressees

This Recommendation is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 11.12.2013

*For the Commission*  
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