

REPUBLIKA E SHQIPËRISË

ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY BOARD

DECISION

No. 147, Dated 08.07.2025

ON

THE REQUEST OF TAP AG FOR EXEMPTION FROM THE APPLICATION OF THE ISO 27001 STANDARD

Based on Article 16 of Law no. 43/2015, 'On Power Sector,' as amended; Article 13 of Law no. 102/2015, 'On Natural Gas Sector,' as amended; Law no. 25/2024, 'On Cybersecurity'; Council of Ministers Decision no. 553, dated 15.07.2020, 'On approving the list of critical information infrastructures and the List of Important Information Infrastructures' as amended by Council of Ministers Decision no. 761, dated 12.12.2022, 'On some additions and amendments to Council of Ministers Decision no. 553, dated 15.07.2020, the Regulation on cybersecurity of critical infrastructures in the power sector, approved by Energy Regulatory Authority (ERE) Board decision no. 126, dated 30.07.2020; Article 15 of the Regulation for ERE Organization, Operation and Procedures, approved by ERE Board decision no. 96, dated 17.06.2016, as amended; ERE Board, in their meeting dated 08.07.2025, after reviewing the report Protocol no. 1940/1 dated 03.07.2025, of the Cybersecurity and IT Sector 'On the request of TAP AG for exemption from the application of the ISO 27001 standard,

Observed that:

- TAP AG company with official letter Protocol no. 1940 dated 25.06.2025, addressed a request at ERE for exemption from the obligation to obtain certification under the ISO/IEC 27001 standard, as set out in the 'Regulation on Cybersecurity of Critical Infrastructures in the Power Sector.'
- TAP AG has argued that, due to the cross-border nature of its activities and its classification as an essential subject under Directive (EU) 2022/2555 (NIS2), it is subject to supervision by the competent authorities of Greece and Italy, and complies with all obligations arising from this directive, in accordance also with the legal guarantees provided in the Agreement with the Host Country Government, ratified by Law no. 102/2013.
- Considering the compliance of TAP AG cybersecurity management system with the requirements of the NIS2 Directive, and in fulfillment of the international commitments of the Republic of Albania, it is evaluated that TAP AG request shall be approved.

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For all of the above mentioned, ERE Board

Decided:

- 1. To approve the request of TAP AG for exemption from the application of the ISO/IEC 27001 standard, in accordance with the Regulation on Cybersecurity of Critical Infrastructures in the Power Sector."
- 2. TAP AG shall be classified as a subject within the scope of the implementation of the NIS2 Directive, with respect to its activities in Albania.
- 3. Natural Gas Directory shall inform TAP AG and the interested parties about ERE Board decision.

This decision shall enter into force upon its publication in the Official Gazette

Any party involved in this procedure may request the Energy Regulatory Authority (ERE) to review the Board's decision within seven (7) calendar days from the date of issuance, provided that new evidence is submitted that may lead the Board to reach a different conclusion; or material errors have been identified. This decision may be appealed before the Administrative Court of Tirana within forty-five (45) calendar days from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

This decision shall be published in the Official Gazette.

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