

EU biogas and biomethane inventory of regulatory framework



Number of legislative act with a link			DüG, BGBl. I S. 54, 2009, http://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bundesrecht/d_ngg/gesamt.pdf
Name of legislative act			DüngG: Düngegesetz (Fertilising Act)
Date of Publication			09/01/2009, last amended 31/08/2015
Date of implementation			23/01/2009
Purpose			Ensuring sufficient nutrition of plants, improvement of soil fertility, averting hazards for humans, animals or nature through fertilizing, implementation of European legal acts
Relevance to the biomethane sector			Specifies requirements of fertilizers, defines restrictions, relevant for digestates
Relation to EU legislation			The act is under revision and will be amended soon (drafts are already made). The reason is the Nitrates Directive that requires the member states to check their status of waterbodies. In Germany, the status quo is not so good - the amended fertilizing act means to address this problem.
Scope			The act comprises all fertilizers, mineral fertilizers as well as organic fertilizer as manure, dung, digestates etc. It is a framework for three ordinances that specify in detail the requirements for fertilizers: The fertilizer ordinance, the fertilizing ordinance and the biowaste ordinance
Specification of a legislative act	Targets		Background: Constraint to maximum 50 mg/l nitrate in groundwater
	Support Systems for Biogas	Subsidies	No
		Feed in Tarrifs	No
		Premiums	No
		Tax exemption	No
	Support Systems for Biomethane	Subsidies	No
		Feed in Tarrifs	No
		Premiums	No
		Tax exemption	No
	Sustainability		No
	Non-discriminatory access to the grid		No
	Mass-balance		No
	Transport		No
Emissions		Yes	
Biowaste		Yes	
Digestate		Yes	