

Revisions

These statistics are classified as National Statistics, which means that they are produced to the professional standards set out in the National Statistics Code of Practice and relevant protocols. The National Statistics protocol on revisions requires that “Each organisation responsible for producing National Statistics will publish and maintain a general statement describing its practice on revisions”.

The ‘UK petroleum industry – deliveries for Northern Ireland consumption’ statistics may contain revisions to some previously published figures, and where practicable the revised data is indicated by an ‘r’. The ‘r’ marker is used whenever the figure has been revised from that published on the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment’s website the previous February.

The petroleum deliveries for Northern Ireland consumption statistics are sourced from the Department of Energy and Climate Change’s (DECC) energy statistics. There are valid reasons for revisions to this data, such as revised and validated data received from a data supplier, and typographical or similar error.

DECC’s revisions policy on energy statistics, as published in its annual ‘Digest of UK Energy Statistics’, states that “It is intended that any revisions should be made to previous years’ data only at the time of the publication of the Digest” (ie in July when the Digest is published, revisions can be made to earlier years). Hence, any revisions to Northern Ireland data published in February would normally occur in July of each year.