

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article III-118 (new)

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Status : - Alternate

Add new subparagraphs (d) and (e) to paragraph 2 of Article III-118 as follows:

(d) the fact that the fishing industry exists only in certain member states, in which it has close links with the economy of particular regions rather than with the national economy as a whole.

(e) the fact that the fishing industry is regional also in the sense of involving regional groups of member states having geographical or historical associations with particular fishing zones and fisheries, as recognised under the principle of relative stability.

Explanation:

In its already amended form, Article III-116 indicates that norms of the agriculture policy are to be read as applying to fisheries, 'insofar as they are compatible with the specific characteristics of this sector'. It is therefore logical that something should be said about these specific characteristics for the purpose of 'working out the common [fisheries] policy and the special methods for its application', to cite the relevant words of paragraph 2 of III-118. It is unsatisfactory for the Constitution to acknowledge the existence of specific differences between agriculture and fisheries, but then to give no indication of what these differences are, while elaborately providing guidelines for developing the common agricultural policy.