

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article 121

#### Suggestion for Part: III

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1. The [Section] relating to rules on competition shall apply to production of and trade in agricultural products ~~only to the extent determined~~ having regard to what is determined by a European law or framework law in accordance with article III-122(2) (ex article 37(2)) having regard to the objectives set out in article III-118 (ex article 33).
  2. The Council, acting on a proposal from the Commission, may adopt a European regulation or decision authorising the granting of aid:
    - (a) for the protection of enterprises handicapped by structural or natural conditions;
    - (b) within the framework of economic development programmes.
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#### **Explanation (if any):**

The current provisions regarding competition law are unsatisfactory, as they seem to imply a general exemption for agriculture and fisheries from the European laws on competition and state aid. In 1962, however, the Council declared that nearly all regulations on competition state aid were applicable to agriculture and fisheries in their entirety. The transparency of competition laws in agriculture and fisheries would be enhanced if all regulations on competition are applicable to agriculture and fisheries in their entirety and all exemptions are laid down explicitly by a European law or framework law. The above amendment clearly states that the European competition laws apply to agriculture and fisheries and gives the possibility to establish exemptions.