

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article: **Article III-127**

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Status : **Alternate**

Article III-127 (ex Article 153)

1. In order to promote the interests of consumers and to ensure a high level of consumer protection, the Union shall contribute to protecting the health, safety and economic interests of consumers, as well as to promoting their right to information, education and to organise themselves in order to safeguard their interests.

2. The Union shall contribute to the attainment of the objectives referred to in paragraph 1 through:

(a) measures adopted pursuant to [Article III-62 (ex 95)] in the context of the completion of the internal market;

(b) measures which support, supplement and monitor the policy pursued by the Member States.

(c) *actions to promote the integration of consumer policy into other policies*

3. The measures referred to in paragraph 2(b) shall be enacted by a European law or framework law. It shall be adopted after consultation of the Economic and Social Committee.

4. Acts adopted pursuant to paragraph 3 shall not prevent any Member State from maintaining or introducing more stringent protective provisions. Such provisions must be compatible with the Constitution. They shall be notified to the Commission.

Explanation (if any) :

Consumer policy should be integrated in all other policy areas.