

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : III-314

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1. The European law:

- (a) shall lay down the financial rules which determine in particular the procedure to be adopted for establishing and implementing the budget and for presenting and auditing accounts;
- (b) lay down rules concerning the responsibility of financial controllers, authorising officers and accounting officers.

It shall be adopted after consultation of the Court of Auditors.

The Council shall act by qualified majority after consulting the European Parliament.

2. A Council regulation adopted on a proposal from the Commission shall lay down measures determining the methods and procedure whereby the budget revenue provided under the arrangements relating to the Union's own resources shall be made available to the Commission, and the measures to be applied, if need be, to meet cash requirements. The Council shall act after consulting the European Parliament and the Court of Auditors.

~~3. The Council shall act unanimously until 1 January 2007 in all the cases referred to by this Article.~~

Explanation (if any) : Today, the Financial Regulation is decided by the Council alone. Given the important provisions laid down in the Financial Regulation – sunset clauses, reimbursement of surplus to MS etc. – a change in this aspect would disturb the institutional balance in the budgetary field.

However, the regulation in item 2 could be decided by the ordinary legislative procedure.