

Council Regulation (EEC) No 2137/85 of 25 July 1985  
on the European Economic Interest Grouping (EEIG)

*Article 17*

1 Each member shall have one vote. The contract for the formation of a grouping may, however, give more than one vote to certain members, provided that no one member holds a majority of the votes.

2 A unanimous decision by the members shall be required to:

- a alter the objects of a grouping;
- b alter the number of votes allotted to each member;
- c alter the conditions for the taking of decisions;
- d extend the duration of a grouping beyond any period fixed in the contract for the formation of the grouping;
- e alter the contribution by every member or by some members to the grouping's financing;
- f alter any other obligation of a member, unless otherwise provided by the contract for the formation of the grouping;
- g make any alteration to the contract for the formation of the grouping not covered by this paragraph, unless otherwise provided by that contract.

3 Except where this Regulation provides that decisions must be taken unanimously, the contract for the formation of a grouping may prescribe the conditions for a quorum and for a majority, in accordance with which the decisions, or some of them, shall be taken. Unless otherwise provided for by the contract, decisions shall be taken unanimously.

4 On the initiative of a manager or at the request of a member, the manager or managers must arrange for the members to be consulted so that the latter can take a decision.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are outstanding changes not yet made to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2137/85. Any changes that have already been made to the legislation appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole legislation item and associated provisions**

- Art. A1 inserted by [S.I. 2018/1299 reg. 32](#)
- Art. 1(2)(b) words substituted in earlier amending provision S.I. 2018/1299, reg. 33 by [S.I. 2020/523 reg. 8\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 1(4) words substituted in earlier amending provision S.I. 2018/1299, reg. 33 by [S.I. 2020/523 reg. 8\(a\)\(iii\)](#)
- Art. 1(5) words substituted in earlier amending provision S.I. 2018/1299, reg. 33 by [S.I. 2020/523 reg. 8\(a\)\(iv\)](#)
- Art. 1A inserted by [S.I. 2018/1299 reg. 34](#)
- Art. 1A(3)(b) words substituted in earlier amending provision S.I. 2018/1299, reg. 34 by [S.I. 2020/523 reg. 8\(b\)](#)
- Art. 3(2)(d) words substituted by [S.I. 2018/1299 reg. 36\(a\)](#)
- Art. 3(2)(e) word substituted by [S.I. 2018/1299 reg. 36\(b\)](#)
- Art. 3(2)(f)(g) inserted by [S.I. 2018/1299 reg. 36\(c\)](#)
- Art. 4(1)(a) words inserted by [S.I. 2018/1299 reg. 37\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 4(1)(a) words inserted by [S.I. 2018/1299 reg. 37\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 4(1)(b) words inserted by [S.I. 2018/1299 reg. 37\(b\)](#)
- Art. 5(a) words omitted by [S.I. 2018/1299 reg. 38\(b\)](#)
- Art. 5(e) words inserted by [S.I. 2018/1299 reg. 38\(c\)](#)
- Art. 7(b) words omitted by [S.I. 2018/1299 reg. 40\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 7(d) words substituted by [S.I. 2018/1299 reg. 40\(b\)\(iii\)](#)
- Art. 7(g) words substituted by [S.I. 2018/1299 reg. 40\(b\)\(iii\)](#)
- Art. 7(h) words omitted by [S.I. 2018/1299 reg. 40\(b\)\(iv\)](#)
- Art. 7(i) omitted by [S.I. 2018/1299 reg. 40\(b\)\(v\)](#)
- Art. 13(2) words substituted in earlier amending provision S.I. 2018/1299, reg. 46 by [S.I. 2020/523 reg. 8\(d\)](#)
- Art. 25(a) word substituted by [S.I. 2018/1299 reg. 51\(a\)\(i\)\(aa\)](#)
- Art. 25(a) word substituted by [S.I. 2018/1299 reg. 51\(a\)\(i\)\(bb\)](#)
- Art. 25(b) omitted by [S.I. 2018/1299 reg. 51\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 35(22) omitted by [S.I. 2018/1299 reg. 56\(a\)](#)