

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

Article 3

1 The purpose of a grouping shall be to facilitate or develop the economic activities of its members and to improve or increase the results of those activities; its purpose is not to make profits for itself.

Its activity shall be related to the economic activities of its members and must not be more than ancillary to those activities.

2 Consequently, a grouping may not:

- a exercise, directly or indirectly, a power of management or supervision over its members' own activities or over the activities of another undertaking, in particular in the fields of personnel, finance and investment;
- b directly or indirectly, on any basis whatsoever, hold shares of any kind in a member undertaking; the holding of shares in another undertaking shall be possible only in so far as it is necessary for the achievement of the grouping's objects and if it is done on its members' behalf;
- c employ more than 500 persons;
- d be used by a company to make a loan to a director of a company, or any person connected with him, when the making of such loans is restricted or controlled under the Member States' laws governing companies. Nor must a grouping be used for the transfer of any property between a company and a director, or any person connected with him, except to the extent allowed by the Member States' laws governing companies. For the purposes of this provision the making of a loan includes entering into any transaction or arrangement of similar effect, and property includes moveable and immoveable property;
- e be a member of another European Economic Interest Grouping.

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\(a\)](#)