

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

*Article 2*

1 Subject to the provisions of this Regulation, the law applicable, on the one hand, to the contract for the formation of a grouping, except as regards matters relating to the status or capacity of natural persons and to the capacity of legal persons and, on the other hand, to the internal organization of a grouping shall be the internal law of the State in which the official address is situated, as laid down in the contract for the formation of the grouping.

2 Where a State comprises several territorial units, each of which has its own rules of law applicable to the matters referred to in paragraph 1, each territorial unit shall be considered as a State for the purposes of identifying the law applicable under this Article.

**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 :**

- Art. 2 omitted by [S.I. 2018/1299 reg. 35](#)

**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\(a\)](#)