

AMENDMENT 231

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Services in the internal market

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Proposal for a directive (COM(2004)0002 – C5-0069/2004 – 2004/0001(COD))

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment by Parliament

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Recital 34 a (new)

(34a) The evaluation of the compatibility of fixed minimum and/or maximum tariffs with the freedom of establishment concerns only those tariffs imposed by competent authorities specifically for the provision of certain services and not, for example, general rules on price determination, such as for the renting of houses.

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Justification

Access to housing of good quality and at reasonable costs to the residents is an integrated part of the European Social Model. However, housing policy is a major responsibility of each individual Member State and has therefore neither been an area of exclusive nor shared competence of the EU. Thus, rules concerning the determination of rents of rental housing should be left to the Member States to decide on and should therefore not be dealt with by the directive on services in the internal market.