

Amendment 115

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Energy efficiency

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Proposal for a directive**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2 (new)**

Directive 2012/27/EU

Article 3 – paragraph 4 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission**Amendment*

4a. Investments and fiscal measures put in place in order to achieve the objectives set out in this Directive shall be qualified as eligible investments for the application of the investment clause and shall in principle be excluded from the assessment of the Member States' fiscal position (under either the preventive or the corrective arm of the Stability and Growth Pact^{1a});

^{1a} Within the meaning of Article 5 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1466/97 and Article 2 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1467/97

Or. en

Justification

Investments and fiscal measures aimed at improving energy efficiency and energy savings provide a long term contribution to economic prosperity, job creation, improvement in air quality and health. It would be key to exclude them from the assessment of Member states' fiscal position (if not totally exempt them from deficit and debt calculations). This will ultimately help boosting investments in the sector.

