Horizontal state aid: application of Articles 92 and 93 of the EC Treaty

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In adopting the report by Mrs Pervenche BERES (PSE, F) Parliament approved the proposal seeking to define certain categories of horizontal state aid for which the Commission is authorized to adopt exemptions. It considered that aid should be granted in favour of: - small and medium-sized undertakings; - research and development; - environmental protection; - employment and training; - local public services; - regional aid schemes respecting the maps for each Member State approved by the Commission. Parliament also called for the exemption regulation to be adjusted every three years and not every five years as proposed by the Commission.