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Caption: The Council must consult the Court of Auditors for its opinion prior to the adoption of certain Community regulations of a financial nature. Since the Amsterdam reform, the opinion of the Court of Auditors must also be sought before adopting any legislation to do with the combating and prevention of fraud. Furthermore, the Court of Auditors may give optional opinions on the request of one of the other institutions of the Community.

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The Court of Auditors must be consulted for its opinion prior to the adoption of certain Community regulations of a financial nature (Article 279, EEC Treaty). Compulsory consultation of the Court of Auditors is foreseen in three cases: when the Council makes financial regulations, when revenue budgeted for within own resources is placed at the disposal of the Commission, and when the Council draws up the regulations concerning the responsibility of financial auditors, authorising officers and accounting officers. Since the Amsterdam reform, the opinion of the Court of Auditors must also be sought before adopting any legislation to do with the combating and prevention of fraud (Article 280, 4, of the EEC Treaty). The opinion of the Court of Auditors is not, however, binding.

Furthermore, the Court of Auditors may be asked for an opinion by one of the other institutions of the Community (Article 248, 4(ii)). These optional opinions are, as a rule, published in the Official Journal of the European Communities by decision of the Court after consulting the institution that asked for one, or the institution affected by the Court's report. However, some opinions constitute 'non-public documents' and are not published, nor may they be consulted.



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