Law no. 350 of 24 December 2003

Provisions for the formation of the one-year and multi-year State budget (Financial law of 2004)

- 3. Provisions on social security contributions and staff and for the operation of public administrations and bodies.
- [...] 16. Pursuant to article 119, sixth paragraph of the Constitution, ordinary statute regions, local authorities, companies and organizations referred to in articles 2, 29 and 172, paragraph 1, letter b) of the consolidated act referred to in Legislative Decree no. 267 of 18 August 2000, except for limited liability companies formed to supply public services, may recourse to borrowing only to finance capital expenditures. The regions with ordinary statute may, with their own law, govern the borrowing of local health authorities and hospitals and institutions and bodies referred to in article 12 of Legislative Decree no. 76 of 28 March 2000, only to finance capital spending (1).
- 17. For institutions, referred to in paragraph 16, to the effects of article 119, sixth paragraph of the Constitution, the following constitute borrowing: the taking of loans, the issuance of bonds, securitizations of future flows of income and securitizations with initial charge less than 85 percent of the market price of the object of securitization rated by an independent and specialized body. The following also constitute borrowing: securitizations accompanied by guarantees provided by public administrations, and securitizations and the assignment of receivables due from other public administrations and, on the basis of criteria defined in the Statistical Office of the European Communities (EUROSTAT) any premiums received at the conclusion of derivative transactions. Operations that do not involve additional resources, but permit to overcome, within the maximum limit established by current State legislation, a temporary shortage of liquidity and to incur expenses that already have a suitable budget cover, do not constitute borrowing, to the effect of said article 119. Changes to the aforementioned types of debt are set by decree of the Minister of Economy and Finance, after consulting ISTAT, on the basis of criteria defined at the European level (2) (3) (4).
- 18. For the purposes of article 119, sixth paragraph, of the Constitution, the following are investments:
- a) the acquisition, construction, renovation and extraordinary maintenance of property, consisting of both residential and non-residential buildings;
- b) the construction, demolition, renovation, restoration and extraordinary maintenance of works and facilities:
- c) the purchase of machinery, technical and scientific equipment, means of transport and other mobile equipment for long-term use;
- d) charges for non-material assets for long-term use;
- e) acquisition of land, expropriation and easements;
- f) share holdings and capital contributions, within the extent of the possibility to participate granted to the single borrowing institutions by their respective rules;

- g) capital transfers specifically earmarked for the implementation of the investment by another agency or organization within the public administration;
- h) capital transfers in favor of subjects with public works licenses, or owners or operators of facilities, networks or equipment functional to the delivery of public services, or entities that provide public services, whose licenses or service contracts provide for the retrocession of investments to the purchasing institutions as they mature, or in advance. The financial intervention in favor of the licensee referred to in paragraph 2, article 19, Law no. 109 of 11 February 1994 is comprised therein;
- i) the interventions contained in the general implementation and execution programs related to urban planning declared a primary regional interest with a public purpose to recover and to promote the area (5).
- 19. The institutions and organizations referred to in paragraph 16 cannot borrow to finance transfers for the recapitalization of companies with the intent of covering losses. To this end, the funding agency, at the preliminary stage, must obtain from the entity a specific explanation on the investment to fund and a statement that the budget of the company or subsidiary, for which the transaction is performed, for the financial year preceding the operation of new capital, does not present a loss (6).
- 20. The changes to the types referred to in paragraphs 17 and 18 are arranged by decree of the Minister of Economy and Finance, after consulting ISTAT (7) (8).
- 21. For the protection of the economic unity of the Republic and within the public finance coordination framework pursuant to articles 119 and 120 of the Constitution, the provisions of paragraphs 16 to 20 apply to the special statute regions and autonomous provinces of Trento and Bolzano and to the institutions and organizations identified in paragraph 16 located in their territories (9).
- 21-ii. As an exception to paragraph 18, the regions and the autonomous provinces of Trento and Bolzano can borrow in order to finance investment grants to individuals within the following limits:
- a) commitments at 31 December 2003, deducted those already covered by increased revenue or decreased expenses, arising from legally established bonds, funded by borrowing and appearing in a special statement to accompany the budget-balancing law of 2004;
- b) commitments made during the year 2004, arising from legally established bonds and appearing in the list of authorized loans at the date of approval of the budget law for 2004, excluding any upwards changes that may be made later (10).
- 21-iii. The financing entity may grant funds for investment grants to individuals only if included in the list referred to in paragraph 21-ii, to this purpose, it must obtain the appropriate certificate from the local authority (11). [...]

(1) The Constitutional Court, in ruling no. 425 of 16-29 December 2004 (Official Gazette of 5 January 2005, no. 1, 1st Special series), has declared as inadmissible the questions of constitutionality of article 3, paragraphs 18, 19 and 20, raised in relation to articles 117 and 119 of the Constitution.

it has also declared inadmissible the question of the constitutionality of article 3, paragraph 21, raised in reference to articles 3, 114, 117, 119 and 120 of the Constitution;

it has also declared unfounded the issues of constitutionality of article 3, paragraph 21, raised by the Sicilian Region in relation to articles 117, 118 and 119 of the Constitution, articles 14, letters o) and p), and article 36 of the special statute for the Region of Sicily mentioned in Royal Legislative Decree no. 455 of 15 May 1946, and article 10 of the Constitutional Law no. 3 of 18 October 2001; those raised by Sardinia with reference to articles 116, 117, 119 and 120 of the Constitution, in articles 3, 4, 5, 7, 11 of the special statute for Sardinia mentioned in the Constitutional Law no. 3 of 26 February 1948, article 3 of Legislative Decree no. 180 of 10 April 2001, and article 10 of the Constitutional Law no. 3 of 18 October 2001; those raised by the Autonomous Province of Trento in reference to articles 116, 117, 119 and 120 of the Constitution, heading VI of the special statute for Trentino-Alto Adige in the Italian Presidential Decree no. 670 of 31 August 1972, article 10 of the Constitutional Law no. 3 of 18 October 2001, and articles 2 and 4 of Legislative Decree no. 266 of 16 March 1992; those raised by the Valle d'Aosta Region in reference to articles 3, 5, 117, 119 and 120 of the Constitution, article 10 of the Constitutional Law no. 3 of 18 October 2001, and also to the principles of subsidiarity and loyal cooperation;

it has also declared unfounded the issues of constitutionality of article 3, paragraphs 16, 17 (except as provided in heading a)), 18 and 19 raised in relation to articles 117, 118 and 119 of the Constitution and article 20 of the special statute for the Region of Sicily mentioned in Royal Legislative Decree no. 455 of 15 May 1946, by the Sicilian Region;

it has also declared unfounded the issues of constitutionality of article 3, paragraphs 16, 17 (except as provided in heading a)) 18 and 19, raised by Sardinia in relation to articles 116, 117, 119 and 120 of the Constitution, articles 3, 4, 5, 7 and 11 of the special statute for Sardinia mentioned in the Constitutional Law no. 3 of 26 February 1948, and article 3 of Legislative Decree no. 180 of 10 April 2001;

it has also declared unfounded the issues of constitutionality of article 3, paragraphs 17 (except as provided in heading a)), and 18, raised in relation to articles 3, 117 and 119 of the Constitution;

it has also declared unfounded the issues of legitimacy of article 3, paragraphs 16, 17 (except as provided in heading a)) 18 and 19, raised by the Valle d'Aosta region in relation to articles 3, 5, 116, 117 and 118 of the Constitution, articles 3, 4 and 48-ii of the special statute for Valle d'Aosta mentioned in the Constitutional Law no. 4 of 26 February 1948;

it has also declared unfounded the issues of constitutionality of article 3, paragraphs 16, 17 (except as provided in heading a)) 18 and 19, raised in relation to articles 117 and 119 of the Constitution;

it has also declared unfounded the issues of constitutionality of article 3, paragraphs 17 (except as provided in heading a)), and 18, raised in relation to articles 3, 117 and 119 of the Constitution;

it has finally declared unfounded the issues of constitutionality of article 3, paragraphs 16, 17 (except as provided in heading a)) 18 and 19, raised in relation to articles 3, 114, 117, 119 and 120 of the Constitution.

- (2) The Constitutional Court, in ruling no. 425 of 16-29 December 2004, (Official Gazette of 5 January 2005, no. 1, 1st Special series), declared, inter alia, the illegitimacy of this sentence.
- (3) Paragraph thus amended first by paragraph 740 of article 1, Law no. 296 of 27 December 2006, and then by article 62, Legislative Decree no. 112 of 25 June 2008, amended by the relevant law of conversion, and replaced by article 3, Law no. 203 of 22 December 2008. See also paragraph 739 of the said article 1.
- (4) The Constitutional Court, in ruling no. 425 of 16-29 December 2004 (Official Gazette of 5 January 2005, no. 1, 1st Special series), has declared as inadmissible the questions of constitutionality of article 3, paragraphs 18, 19 and 20, raised in relation to articles 117 and 119 of the Constitution,

it has also declared inadmissible the question of the constitutionality of article 3, paragraph 21, raised in reference to articles 3, 114, 117, 119 and 120 of the Constitution;

it has also declared unfounded the issues of constitutionality of article 3, paragraph 21, raised by the Sicilian Region in relation to articles 117, 118 and 119 of the Constitution, articles 14, letters o) and p), and article 36 of the special statute for the Region of Sicily mentioned in Royal Legislative Decree no. 455 of 15 May 1946, and article 10 of the Constitutional Law no. 3 of 18 October 2001; those raised by Sardinia with reference to articles 116, 117, 119 and 120 of the Constitution, in articles 3, 4, 5, 7, 11 of the special statute for Sardinia mentioned in the Constitutional Law no. 3 of 26 February 1948, article 3 of Legislative Decree no. 180 of 10 April 2001, and article 10 of the Constitutional Law no. 3 of 18 October 2001; those raised by the Autonomous Province of Trento in reference to articles 116, 117, 119 and 120 of the Constitution, heading VI of the special statute for Trentino-Alto Adige in the Italian Presidential Decree no. 670 of 31 August 1972, article 10 of the Constitutional Law no. 3 of 18 October 2001, and articles 2 and 4 of Legislative Decree no. 266 of 16 March 1992; those raised by the Valle d'Aosta Region in reference to articles 3, 5, 117, 119 and 120 of the Constitution, article 10 of the Constitutional Law no. 3 of 18 October 2001, and also to the principles of subsidiarity and loyal cooperation;

it has also declared unfounded the issues of constitutionality of article 3, paragraphs 16, 17 (except as provided in heading a)), 18 and 19 raised in relation to articles 117, 118 and 119 of the Constitution and article 20 of the special statute for the Region of Sicily mentioned in Royal Legislative Decree no. 455 of 15 May 1946, by the Sicilian Region;

it has also declared unfounded the issues of constitutionality of article 3, paragraphs 16, 17 (except as provided in heading a)) 18 and 19, raised by Sardinia in relation to articles 116, 117, 119 and 120 of the Constitution, articles 3, 4, 5, 7 and 11 of the special statute for Sardinia mentioned in the Constitutional Law no. 3 of 26 February 1948, and article 3 of Legislative Decree no. 180 of 10 April 2001;

it has also declared unfounded the issues of constitutionality of article 3, paragraphs 17 (except as provided in heading a)), and 18, raised in relation to articles 3, 117 and 119 of the Constitution;

it has also declared unfounded the issues of legitimacy of article 3, paragraphs 16, 17 (except as provided in heading a)) 18 and 19, raised by the Valle d'Aosta region in relation to articles 3, 5, 116, 117 and 118 of the Constitution, articles 3, 4 and 48-ii of the special statute for Valle d'Aosta mentioned in the Constitutional Law no. 4 of 26 February 1948;

it has also declared unfounded the issues of constitutionality of article 3, paragraphs 16, 17 (except as provided in heading a)) 18 and 19, raised in relation to articles 117 and 119 of the Constitution;

it has also declared unfounded the issues of constitutionality of article 3, paragraphs 17 (except as provided in heading a)), and 18, raised in relation to articles 3, 117 and 119 of the Constitution;

it has finally declared unfounded the issues of constitutionality of article 3, paragraphs 16, 17 (except as provided in heading a)) 18 and 19, raised in relation to articles 3, 114, 117, 119 and 120 of the Constitution.

(5) The Constitutional Court, in ruling no. 425 of 16-29 December 2004 (Official Gazette of 5 January 2005, no. 1, 1st Special series), has declared as inadmissible the questions of constitutionality of article 3, paragraphs 18, 19 and 20, raised in relation to articles 117 and 119 of the Constitution,

it has also declared inadmissible the question of the constitutionality of article 3, paragraph 21, raised in reference to articles 3, 114, 117, 119 and 120 of the Constitution;

it has also declared unfounded the issues of constitutionality of article 3, paragraph 21, raised by the Sicilian Region in relation to articles 117, 118 and 119 of the Constitution, articles 14, letters o) and p), and article 36 of the special statute for the Region of Sicily mentioned in Royal Legislative Decree no. 455 of 15 May 1946, and article 10 of the Constitutional Law no. 3 of 18 October 2001; those raised by Sardinia with reference to articles 116, 117, 119 and 120 of the Constitution, in articles 3, 4, 5, 7, 11 of the special statute for Sardinia mentioned in the Constitutional Law no. 3 of 26 February 1948, article 3 of Legislative Decree no. 180 of 10 April 2001, and article 10 of the Constitutional Law no. 3 of 18 October 2001; those raised by the Autonomous Province of Trento in reference to articles 116, 117, 119 and 120 of the Constitution, heading VI of the special statute for Trentino-Alto Adige in the Italian Presidential Decree no. 670 of 31 August 1972, article 10 of the Constitutional Law no. 3 of 18 October 2001, and articles 2 and 4 of Legislative Decree no. 266 of 16 March 1992; those raised by the Valle d'Aosta Region in reference to articles 3, 5, 117, 119 and 120 of the Constitution, article 10 of the Constitutional Law no. 3 of 18 October 2001, and also to the principles of subsidiarity and loyal cooperation;

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it has also declared unfounded the issues of constitutionality of article 3, paragraphs 16, 17 (except as provided in heading a)) 18 and 19, raised by Sardinia in relation to articles 116, 117, 119 and 120 of the Constitution, articles 3, 4, 5, 7 and 11 of the special statute for Sardinia mentioned in the Constitutional Law no. 3 of 26 February 1948, and article 3 of Legislative Decree no. 180 of 10 April 2001;

it has also declared unfounded the issues of constitutionality of article 3, paragraphs 17 (except as provided in heading a)), and 18, raised in relation to articles 3, 117 and 119 of the Constitution;

it has also declared unfounded the issues of legitimacy of article 3, paragraphs 16, 17 (except as provided in heading a)) 18 and 19, raised by the Valle d'Aosta region in relation to articles 3, 5, 116, 117 and 118 of the Constitution, articles 3, 4 and 48-ii of the special statute for Valle d'Aosta mentioned in the Constitutional Law no. 4 of 26 February 1948;

it has also declared unfounded the issues of constitutionality of article 3, paragraphs 16, 17 (except as provided in heading a)) 18 and 19, raised in relation to articles 117 and 119 of the Constitution;

it has also declared unfounded the issues of constitutionality of article 3, paragraphs 17 (except as provided in heading a)), and 18, raised in relation to articles 3, 117 and 119 of the Constitution;

it has finally declared unfounded the issues of constitutionality of article 3, paragraphs 16, 17 (except as provided in heading a)) 18 and 19, raised in relation to articles 3, 114, 117, 119 and 120 of the Constitution.

(6) The Constitutional Court, in ruling no. 425 of 16-29 December 2004 (Official Gazette of 5 January 2005, no. 1, 1st Special series), has declared as inadmissible the questions of constitutionality of article 3, paragraphs 18, 19 and 20, raised in relation to articles 117 and 119 of the Constitution,

it has also declared inadmissible the question of the constitutionality of article 3, paragraph 21, raised in reference to articles 3, 114, 117, 119 and 120 of the Constitution;

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- (7) The Constitutional Court, in ruling no. 425 of 16-29 December 2004 (Official Gazette of 5 January 2005, no. 1, 1st Special series), declared, inter alia, the illegitimacy of this paragraph.
- (8) The Constitutional Court, in ruling no. 425 of 16-29 December 2004 (Official Gazette of 5 January 2005, no. 1, 1st Special series), has declared as inadmissible the questions of constitutionality of article 3, paragraphs 18, 19 and 20, raised in relation to articles 117 and 119 of the Constitution,

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(9) The Constitutional Court, in ruling no. 425 of 16-29 December 2004 (Official Gazette of 5 January 2005, no. 1, 1st Special series), has declared as inadmissible the questions of constitutionality of article 3, paragraphs 18, 19 and 20, raised in relation to articles 117 and 119 of the Constitution,

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articles 14, letters o) and p), and article 36 of the special statute for the Region of Sicily mentioned in Royal Legislative Decree no. 455 of 15 May 1946, and article 10 of the Constitutional Law no. 3 of 18 October 2001; those raised by Sardinia with reference to articles 116, 117, 119 and 120 of the Constitution, in articles 3, 4, 5, 7, 11 of the special statute for Sardinia mentioned in the Constitutional Law no. 3 of 26 February 1948, article 3 of Legislative Decree no. 180 of 10 April 2001, and article 10 of the Constitutional Law no. 3 of 18 October 2001; those raised by the Autonomous Province of Trento in reference to articles 116, 117, 119 and 120 of the Constitution, heading VI of the special statute for Trentino-Alto Adige in the Italian Presidential Decree no. 670 of 31 August 1972, article 10 of the Constitutional Law no. 3 of 18 October 2001, and articles 2 and 4 of Legislative Decree no. 266 of 16 March 1992; those raised by the Valle d'Aosta Region in reference to articles 3, 5, 117, 119 and 120 of the Constitution, article 10 of the Constitutional Law no. 3 of 18 October 2001, and also to the principles of subsidiarity and loyal cooperation;

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it has also declared unfounded the issues of constitutionality of article 3, paragraphs 17 (except as provided in heading a)), and 18, raised in relation to articles 3, 117 and 119 of the Constitution;

it has finally declared unfounded the issues of constitutionality of article 3, paragraphs 16, 17 (except as provided in heading a)) 18 and 19, raised in relation to articles 3, 114, 117, 119 and 120 of the Constitution.

- (10) Paragraph added by article 3, Legislative Decree no. 168 of 12 July 2004.
- (11) Paragraph added by article 3, Legislative Decree no. 168 of 12 July 2004.