

Review Process

Common Market Law Review is an academic journal. Contributions, whether solicited or unsolicited, are subject to peer review. Upon receipt of a contribution, the Associate Editor will determine – if necessary after consultation with a member of the Editorial Board – whether the content of the contribution falls within the scope of the journal. If this is the case, and if the contribution is not manifestly unsuitable, a peer review procedure will be initiated. The procedure is as follows:

- a. For unsolicited material a two-stage procedure is used, whereby a member of the Editorial Board decides whether the article is of sufficient quality to go through the full review procedure.
- b. For solicited material and unsolicited material which has passed the first stage, the contribution will be critically assessed by at least three referees.
- c. The review is carried out on grounds of analytical quality, sufficient support of conclusions and findings, originality, familiarity with relevant literature (in at least one language).
- d. The Associate Editor will inform the author of the decision of the Editorial Board, based on the peer review, and where appropriate will communicate the changes to the article which are deemed necessary. The Editorial Board will attempt to give a decision between three and six weeks following submission.
- e. For “case notes”, the standards of review are adapted as appropriate; beyond an adequate (brief) account of the case, the comment must include original analysis.
- f. An unsolicited article which is positively assessed in the review process may nonetheless be refused on grounds of editorial policy, also mentioned in our House Rules.
- g. With regard to working papers and drafts circulated online, such articles are expected to be substantially changed or developed in order to be eligible for publication in CML Rev.
- h. In principle, articles which have previously been published in a language other than English will not be accepted, but exceptions may occasionally be made to this rule.