The amendments adjust the definition of subsequent applications and adds cases when the applicant had already received international protection in another Member State.

This change means that in these cases, the examination is limited to new elements that significantly increase the chances of granting international protection, and the final decision of another EU Member State is adopted based on the principle of mutual trust. In this latter case, the application is declared inadmissible in Belgium.

Corresponding amendments to the Reception Act mean that Fedasil may limit or withdraw material reception conditions for this group of applicants, after their application is rejected as inadmissible.

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