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## Report

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations

on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 302/74) for

- I. a regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for Jerez wines falling within subheading No. ex 22.05 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Spain
- II. a regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for Malaga wines falling within subheading No. ex 22.05 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Spain
- III. a regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for wines from Jumilla, Priorato, Rioja and Valdepenas, falling within subheading No. ex 22.05 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Spain
- IV. a regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for dried figs falling within subheading No. ex 08.03 B of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Spain
- V. a regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for dried grapes falling within subheading No. ex 08.04 B I of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Spain

Rapporteur: Mr J. BAAS

PE 38.475/fin.



By letter of 2 October 1974 the President of the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament, pursuant to Articles 43 and 113 of the EEC Treaty to deliver an opinion on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for

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At the plenary sitting of 17 October 1974 the President of the European Parliament referred these proposals to the Committee on External Economic Relations as the committee responsible and the Committee on Agriculture for its opinion.

The Committee on External Economic Relations appointed Mr Jan Baas rapporteur on 22 October 1974.

It considered these proposals at its meeting of 22 October 1974.

At the same meeting the committee unanimously adopted the motion for a resolution and the explanatory statement.

The following were present: Mr Boano, acting chairman; Mr Thomsen, vice-chairman; Mr Baas, rapporteur; Mr Brewis, Mr Dunn, Mr De Koning, Mr Lange, Lord St Oswald, Mr Thornley and Mr Vandewiele.

The opinion of the Committee on Agriculture is attached.

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The Committee on External Economic Relations hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution, together with explanatory statement:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

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The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(74) 1487 and 1488 final),
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 43 and 113 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 302/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 318/74 ),
1. Approves the Commission's proposals;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The agreement concluded in 1970 between the EEC and Spain makes provision for the opening of Community tariff quotas for imports into the Community of a number of products originating in that country including, in particular, certain varieties of figs, dried grapes and certain types of wine (Jerez, Malaga, Jumilla, Priorato, Rioja and Valdepeñas).

These tariff quotas were opened solely for the benefit of the six original Member States, and the Protocol embodying certain amendments to the EEC/Spain Agreement following the accession of the new Member States maintained the status quo for the latter. However, the protocol stipulated that the contracting parties should lay down before 1 January 1974 the transitional measures and adjustments necessary following the accession of the three new Member States.

The negotiations begun in July 1973 between the Community and Spain with a view to drawing up a new agreement replacing the 1970 agreement have still not been completed. It seems certain that the new agreement will not now enter into force before mid-1975.

The Commission therefore proposes to open for 1975 Community tariff quotas for the abovementioned wines and agricultural products under conditions identical to those laid down for 1972-1974. However, should the new agreement enter into force, the period of validity of these quotas will be limited to that part of 1975 not covered by the new agreement.

These quotas are divided into two sections, the first shared between the Member States in part-quotas and the second constituting the reserve.

These proposals, which are identical to those valid for 1974, already approved by the European Parliament (see Baas Report, Doc. 310/73), are of a technical nature and call for no special observations.

The Committee on External Economic Relations therefore proposes that they should be adopted without amendment.

OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Letter from the chairman of the committee to Mr de la Malène, chairman  
of the Committee on External Economic Relations

Brussels, 25 October 1974

Dear Mr de la Malène,

The Committee on Agriculture, whose opinion was requested on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for regulations opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for

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- wines from Jumilla, Priorato, Rioja and Valdepenas, falling within subheading ex 22.05 of the CCT, originating in Spain,
- dried figs falling within subheading ex 08.03 B of the CCT, originating in Spain,
- dried grapes falling within subheading ex 08.04 B I of the CCT, originating in Spain,

considered these proposals at its meeting of 22 and 23 October 1974.

At this meeting it concluded that it had no objections to the proposed regulations and therefore approved them unanimously.

It instructed me to inform your committee by letter of its favourable opinion.

Yours sincerely,

Roger Houdet

The following were present: Mr Houdet, chairman; Mr Vetrone and Mr Laban, vice-chairmen; Mr Brugger, Mr Frehsee, Mr Hansen, Mr Howell, Mr Liogier, Mr Martens and Mrs Orth





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