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### Report

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations

on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 316/74) for a regulation extending the period of validity of Regulation (EEC) No. 3576/73 on imports of the wine product exported under the label of 'Cyprus Sherry' originating in and coming from Cyprus, and introducing subsidies for similar wine products in the Community as originally constituted and exported to Ireland and the United Kingdom

Rapporteur: Mr J. BREWIS

PE 38.476/fin.



By letter of 21 October 1974 the President of the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament, pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty, to deliver an opinion on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation extending the period of validity of Regulation (EEC) No. 3576/73 on imports of the wine product exported under the label of 'Cyprus Sherry' originating in and coming from Cyprus, and introducing subsidies for similar wine products in the Community as originally constituted and exported to Ireland and the United Kingdom.

On 30 October 1974 the President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on External Economic Relations as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Agriculture for its opinion.

On 22 October 1974 the Committee on External Economic Relations appointed Mr BREWIS rapporteur. It considered this proposal at its meeting of 5 November 1974. At the same meeting the committee unanimously adopted the motion for a resolution and the explanatory statement.

Present: Mr de la Malene, chairman and acting rapporteur; Mr Boano and Mr Thomsen, vice-chairmen; Mr Baas, Mr Brégégère, Mr Cousté, Mr Kaspereit, Mr de Koning, Mr Lange, Mr Maigaard, Mr Pintat, Mr Radoux, Mr Rivierez, Lord St. Oswald and Mr Sandri.

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 proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation extending the validity of Regulation (EEC) No. 3576/73 on imports of the wine product exported under the label of 'Cyprus Sherry' originating in and coming from Cyprus, and introducing subsidies for similar wine products in the Community as originally constituted and exported to Ireland and the United Kingdom.

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council<sup>1</sup>
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 316/74)
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 348/74)
1. Approves the Commission's proposed regulation;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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<sup>1</sup>OJ No. C 134 of 31 October 1974, p.24

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Association Agreement with the Republic of Cyprus makes provision for special treatment, until 1 January 1975 and thereafter in respect of the marketing of the 1974 harvest, of imports of the wine product exported under the label of 'Cyprus Sherry'.

The aim of this special treatment is to avoid a disruption of traditional exports of this product to the United Kingdom and Ireland.

The granting of special interim treatment was made subject to the condition that Cyprus adopt and bring into force, during the period in question, legislation on wine production corresponding to that of the Community. This was done on 31 August 1973. The new legislation corresponding to that of the Community should come into force on 1 January 1975. The special treatment thus defined applies only up to a ceiling of 200.000 hl, a quantity actually reached in the past years.

Provision has also been made for similar Community wines to compete on equal terms with that wine on the markets in question.

The proposed regulation submitted for consideration to the Committee on External Economic Relations is intended to cover the marketing of 1974 production.

It extends, for 1975, the validity of Regulations (EEC) Nos.1253/73 and 3576/73 bringing into force the provisions of the EEC/Cyprus Agreement on the arrangements for 'Cyprus Sherry'. The European Parliament had previously approved the content of this Regulation and a first extension of its validity (see the Klepsch report 295/73).

According to information supplied by the Commission, expenditure incurred under this Regulation in 1975 will amount to some 100.000 to 120.000 u.a. of 0.1% of the appropriations for wine intervention.

The Committee on External Economic Relations approves as it stands the Commission's proposal for a regulation which, despite its slight financial effect, represents in this particular sector a not inconsiderable benefit to a country which, as everyone knows, is passing through a very difficult period in its long history.

OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

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

Luxembourg, 6 November 1974

Dear Mr de la Malène,

The Committee on Agriculture, to which the proposal from  
the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for

- a Council regulation (EEC) extending the validity of Regulation (EEC) No. 3576/73 on imports of the wine product exported under the label 'Cyprus Sherry' originating in and coming from Cyprus, and introducing subsidies for similar wine products in the Community as originally constituted and exported to Ireland and the United Kingdom

was referred for an opinion, considered this proposal at its meeting of 4 and 5 November 1974.

At the same meeting the committee concluded that it had no objections to the proposal for a regulation, which it approved.

The Committee on Agriculture has instructed me to forward its favourable opinion in the form of a letter to your committee

Yours sincerely,

Roger HOUDET

Present: Mr Houdet, chairman, Mr Vetrone and Mr Laban, vice-chairmen, Mr Bourdellès, Mr Brégégère, Mr Cifarelli, Mr Cipolla, Mr Frehsee, Mr Früh, Mr Gibbons, Mr Liogier, Mr Martens, Mr Brøndlund Nielsen and Lord St. Oswald.

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