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REPORT

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs
and Industrial Policy

on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the
Council (Doc. 2-1171/84 - COM(84) 626 final) for a regulation amending
Regulations (EEC) No. 918/83 and No. 950/68 in respect of the tariff
treatment applicable to goods contained in traveller's personal luggage
or sent in small consignments to private individuals

Rapporteur: Mr Brian CASSIDY



By letter of 5.12.1984, the President of the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament to deliver an opinion, pursuant to Articles 28, 43 and 235 of the Treaty, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation amending Regulations (EEC) No 918/83 and No 950/68 in respect of the tariff treatment applicable to goods contained in traveller's personal luggage or sent in small consignments to private individuals.

On 11.12.1984, the President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial policy as the committee responsible.

At its meeting on 18.12.1984, The Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial policy appointed Mr. Cassidy rapporteur.

The committee considered the Commission's proposal and the draft report at its meeting of 30 January to 1 February 1985.

At the last meeting, the committee decided unanimously with one abstention to recommend Parliament that it approve the Commission's proposal with the following amendments.

The committee then adopted the motion for a resolution as a whole by one abstention and one vote against.

The following took part in the vote: Mr Seal, Chairman ; Mr Cassidy, rapporteur ; Mr Beumer, Mr Bonaccini, Sir Fred Catherwood (deputizing for Mr de Ferranti), Mr Cryer (deputizing for Mr Falconer), Mr Friedrich, Mrs Gredal, Mr Mattina, Mr Patterson, Mr Rogalla, Mrs van Rooy (deputizing for Mr Abelin), Mr Starita, Mr Tuckman (deputizing for Mr Beazley), Mr Visser (deputizing for Mr Besse), Mr Wagner and Mr von Wogau.

The explanatory statement will be given orally by the rapporteur during the Plenary Session.

The report was tabled on 1 February 1985.

The deadline for tabling amendments to this report will be indicated in the draft agenda for the part-session at which it will be debated.

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The Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy hereby submits to the European Parliament the following amendments to the Commission's proposal and motion for a resolution:

Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulations (EEC) No 918/83 and No 950/68 in respect of the tariff treatment applicable to goods contained in traveller's personal luggage or sent in small consignments to private individuals.

Text proposed by the Commission of the European Communities

Amendments tabled by the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy

Title

tariff treatment applicable to goods contained in traveller's personal luggage coming out of third countries, or sent in small consignments from third countries to private individuals

Preamble and recitals unchanged

Article 1

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Amendment 1

Regulation (EEC) No 918/83 is hereby amended as follows:

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- in the third indent of Article 29(2), the amount "35 ECU" is replaced by "45 ECU";
- in Article 47, the amounts "45 ECU" and "23 ECU" are replaced by "60 ECU" and "30 ECU" respectively.

- in the third indent of Article 29(2), the amount "35 ECU" is replaced by "45 ECU";
- in Article 47, the amounts "45 ECU" and "23 ECU" are replaced by "150 ECU" and "50 ECU" respectively.

Article 2

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Amendment 2

In Section IIC(1), (5) and (6) of the preliminary provisions of the Common Customs Tariff annexed to Regulation (EEC) No 950/68, the amount "115 ECU" is replaced by "150 ECU".

In Section IIC(1), (5) and (6) of the preliminary provisions of the Common Customs Tariff annexed to Regulation (EEC) No 950/68, the amount "115 ECU" is replaced by "250 ECU".

Article 3 unchanged

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

closing the procedure for consultation of the European Parliament on a proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation amending regulations (EEC) No. 918/83 and No. 950/68 in respect of the tariff treatment applicable to goods contained in traveller's personal luggage or sent in small consignments to private individuals

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal (COM (84) 626 fin),
 - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 2-1171/84),
 - having regard to the proposal from the Commission to the Council for a directive amending Directive 69//169/EEC on the harmonization of provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action relating to exemption from turnover tax and excise duty on imports in international travel (traffic with third countries)⁽¹⁾ and to the amendments and resolution of the European Parliament concerning this proposal⁽²⁾,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy (Doc. 2-1568/84),
 - having regard to the result of the vote on the Commission's proposal,
1. Stresses that the provisions relating to exemption from turnover tax and excise duty and those relating to the relief of customs duty for travellers coming from third countries should be similar;

(1) Doc. 1-198/84 - COM(84) 182 fin.

(2) Doc. 2-1341/84, adopted by plenary on 17.1.1985.

2. Considers therefore the proposal from the Commission as being extremely weak and inconsistent as the increase of the relief of customs duty is only limited to 60 ECU and as it does not foresee any further gradual increase to 85 ECU as from 1 January 1988, which has been proposed for the exemption of VAT and excise duty;
3. Recalls its amendment to the proposal for an 8th directive concerning the exemption from turnover tax and excise duty on imports in international travel and increasing the exemption to 150 ECU for travellers aged 15 or over and to 50 ECU for travellers under 15; requests the same increase for the relief of customs duty;
4. Requests further an increase on the value of goods sent in small consignments to private individuals and contained in travellers personal luggage, to which the flat rate of duty of 10% applies, to 250 ECU;
5. Requests the Commission to amend the proposal pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;
6. Instructs its President to forward to the Council and Commission and to the Parliaments of the Member States, as Parliament's opinion, the Commission proposal as voted by Parliament and corresponding resolution.