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## R E P O R T

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on the Commission proposal for a Council decision  
concerning the refund to Portugal of revenue from the  
'accession' compensatory amounts applied to supplies of  
common wheat from the other Member States  
(COM(90) 599 final - C3-0003/91)

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By letter of 21 December 1990, the Council consulted the European Parliament on the Commission proposal for a Council decision concerning the refund to Portugal of revenue from the 'accession' compensatory amounts applied to supplies of common wheat from the other Member States.

At the sitting of 21 January 1991, the President of Parliament announced that he had referred this proposal to the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development as the committee responsible and the Committee on Budgets for its opinion.

At its meeting of 10 and 11 January 1991 the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development appointed Mr Carvalho Cardoso rapporteur.

At its meeting of 7 and 8 February 1991 it considered the Commission proposal and draft report.

At the latter meeting it adopted the draft legislative resolution unanimously.

The following took part in the vote : Colino Salamanca, chairman; Carvalho Cardoso, rapporteur; Domingo Segarra, Görlach, Guillaume, Lulling (for Bocklet), Miranda Da Silva (for Piquet), F. Pisoni (for N. Pisoni), Saridakis, Sierra Bardaji, Sonneveld and Woltjer.

The opinion of the Committee on Budgets will be published separately.

The report was tabled on 8 February 1991.

The deadline for tabling amendments is 12 noon on 14 February 1991.

A

Commission proposal for a Council decision concerning the refund to Portugal of revenue from the 'accession' compensatory amounts applied to supplies of common wheat from the other Member States

Commission text<sup>1</sup>

Amendments

(Amendment No. 1)

Article 1

The 'accession' compensatory amounts applied by Portugal between 1 January 1991 and 31 December 1991 to supplies of common wheat (CN 1001.90.91 and 99) from the other Member States shall be refunded to Portugal up to a maximum of 400 000 tonnes of supplies intended for national consumption and in accordance with the rules set out in Article 2.

The 'accession' compensatory amounts applied by Portugal between 1 January 1991 and 31 December 1991 to supplies of common wheat (CN 1001.90.91 and 99) from the other Member States shall be refunded to Portugal where such supplies are intended for national consumption and in accordance with the rules set out in Article 2.

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<sup>1</sup> For full text see COM(90) 599 final - OJ No. C2, 4.1.1991, p. 10

## DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the Commission proposal for a Council decision concerning the refund to Portugal of revenue from the 'accession' compensatory amounts applied to supplies of common wheat from the other Member States

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council (COM(90) 599 final)<sup>1</sup>
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 209 of the EEC Treaty and to Article 372(3) of the Act of Accession of Spain and Portugal (Doc. C3-0003/91),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. A3-0026/91),
1. Approves the Commission proposal subject to Parliament's amendments and in accordance with the vote thereon;
  2. Calls on the Council to notify Parliament should it intend to depart from the text approved by Parliament;
  3. Asks to be consulted again should the Council intend to make substantial modifications to the Commission proposal;
  4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ No. C2, 4.1.1991, p. 10

## B

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

There is general awareness of the problems involved in integrating the Portuguese cereals sector in the Community-wide common organization of the market. Consequently, the Council of Agriculture Ministers of February 1981<sup>1</sup> reached the following decisions :

- (a) to recognize the impossibility of Portugal harmonizing prices in accordance with Article 285 of the Act of Accession;
- (b) to provide for Portuguese cultivators to be granted a temporary and digressive aid, part-financed by the Community, with a view to facilitating appropriate price reductions;
- (c) to agree to extend the period allowed for price harmonization by a further five years.

This position of the Council gave rise to specific measures contained in four of the twenty-two regulations concerning the second stage of Portuguese accession for agricultural products<sup>2</sup> adopted by Parliament in December 1990.

The present proposal for a Council decision should be considered in the context of that series of measures. It introduces the possibility (pursuant to Article 372(3) of the Act of Accession) of refunding to Portugal, over a two-year period, revenue from the 'accession' compensatory amounts applied to supplies of common wheat from the other Member States; the revenue concerned would be allocated to meeting the financial needs arising from reconversion of cultivation and from the structural changes which are essential for a harmonious integration into the common agricultural area.

The rapporteur therefore recommends that the proposal for a Council decision should be approved; he proposes, however, an amendment to Article 1 with regard to the setting of a maximum figure of 400 000 tonnes for imports. This figure is intended to correspond to the average level of Portuguese imports of common wheat in recent years; nonetheless, the level of imports obviously fluctuates from year to year according to the influence of weather conditions on cultivation, and may thus be either higher or lower than the average.

If, then, one of the next two years should prove to be a bad year for agriculture, Portugal may have to import more than 400 000 tonnes of common wheat. On this basis, it would not be fair for the problems arising from such unfortunate circumstances to be compounded by penalization via a Community surcharge.

The rapporteur therefore proposes the deletion of reference to maximum level, and considers that the refund should apply to all imports of common wheat for purposes of domestic consumption. In this case, the loss to the budget forecast in the financial statement could in fact be either more or less than the sum indicated.

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<sup>1</sup> Doc. SN/461/88, Annex IV

<sup>2</sup> COM(90) 407 final