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OPINION

of the Committee on Budgets

Letter from the acting chairman of the Committee on Budgets to Mr R. HOUDET, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture

on the amendment to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 340/76) for a regulation amending Regulation (EEC) 1696/71 on the common organization of the market in hops

PE 46.242/fin./Annex

Luxembourg, 14 December, 1976

Dear Mr Chairman,

The Committee on Budgets examined, in the course of its meeting of 13 December 1976, the amendments proposed to Regulation 1696/71 concerning the organization of the market in hops.

The Committee considered that, in the absence of information on the financial data, it was not in a position to pronounce on the budgetary aspects of this proposal.

Furthermore, the amendment proposed by point 3 - regarding Article 10a of the modified regulation and/or Article 16a of the basic regulation - constituted in its opinion a blank cheque which would permit the Council, on the proposal of the Commission, to use EAGGF appropriations without there being a possibility of control by the budgetary authority.

Finally, the Committee recalled that in its opinion on the first proposal of the Commission (Doc. 156/76), it indicated that it wished that amendments of this nature should be effected as far as possible by way of a re-casting of the basic regulation. However, the present amendment proceeds by way of reference to other amendments and because of this effect is difficult to disentangle.

For these reasons, the Committee on Budgets gives a negative opinion on the text.

Yours sincerely,

LORD BRUCE OF DONINGTON
Acting Chairman

Present : Lord Bruce of Donington, Acting Chairman;

Mr Albertini, Lord Bessborough, Mr Bouquerel
(deputising for Mr Terrenoire), Mr Gerlach,
Mr Notenboom, Mr Cointat, Mr Radoux, Mr Shaw, Mr Suck

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