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OPINION

of the Committee on Budgets

on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 1-336/82 - COM(82) 168 final) for a regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No. 355/77 on common measures to improve the conditions under which agricultural products are processed and marketed.

PE 80.649/fin/Ann.

Letter from the chairman of the committee to Mr CURRY, chairman of the
Committee on Agriculture

Strasbourg, 13 October 1982

Subject : Proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the
Council for a regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No. 355/77 on
common measures to improve the conditions under which agricultural
products are processed and marketed

Dear Mr Chairman,

The Committee on Budgets considered the above proposal for a regulation
at its meeting of 29/30 September 1982.

The cost of the Commission's proposal to extend Regulation (EEC) No.
355/77 by one year, according to the Commission's figures, will be 148 m ECU
for 1983.

Given that the Commission has already indicated that it will be necessary
to revise the regulation, serious reservations were expressed about the
proposed extension; it was feared that the Commission might propose a further
extension, for whatever reason, next year.

The committee finally agreed, without a formal vote, not to reject the
Commission's proposal lest this interrupt the measures already implemented.
This agreement was subject to the condition, however, that the Commission
should submit, by the middle of next year at the latest, appropriate proposals
for a revised regulation as part of the reform of agricultural structures.
The committee is not prepared to agree to a future extension of the regulation.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd)

Erwin LANGE