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by Mr JAHN

to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Levying of import charges by the Netherlands 'Produktchappen' (producers' associations)

In numerous written questions, and most recently in Written Question No. 48/77¹, I have asked what conclusions the working parties and the Commission have reached regarding the compatibility of the import charges levied by the Netherlands 'Produktschappen' with the EEC Treaty and what action the Commission intends to take. This matter was originally taken up by the Commission following a letter dated 5 August 1970 from the REWE-Zentrale. I myself have been putting questions to the Commission on this matter since 8 August 1974 without, however, receiving a satisfactory answer. I therefore again ask the Commission:

¹ OJ No. C 180 of 28.7.1977, p. 12.

1. What conclusions were reached by the Working Party and the Commission on the compatibility of the import charges levied by the Netherlands 'Produktschappen' with the EEC Treaty?
2. What is in fact preventing the Commission from reaching a conclusion, given that, in trade between Member States, measures having an effect equivalent to customs duties have been banned under the EEC Treaty since 1 January 1970, and discriminatory taxation has been prohibited under the same Treaty since as long ago as 1 January 1963?
3. What action does the Commission now intend to take?