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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

by Mr COTTRELL

under Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

concerning Greek potato exports within the EEC

PE 85.828

The European Parliament,

- A. concerned at the issues which have been raised regarding reports that state aids are being paid to producers of early potatoes in Greece in order to stimulate exports,
  - B. noting that such aids appear to amount to a guaranteed price of £150 per tonne, whereas the maximum price fetched by Greek potatoes on the UK market is currently £100 - £120 a tonne,
  - C. regretting that the Commission decided in July not to impose a safeguard clause in the case of Greek potato exports, as requested by the Commissioner for Agriculture,
  - D. deeply regretting the lack of a prompt official response by the Greek authorities to the Commission's request for information on reports of subsidies,
  - E. further regrets such an attitude from a country currently occupying the Presidency of the Community,
  - F. considers that further and immediate action is necessary in order to ensure the correct functioning of the internal agricultural market, in order to ensure that imbalances are not caused by state aids,
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- 1. Resolves that the Commission be instructed to impose a safeguard clause without delay, until such time as the Greek authorities provide full documentation on the allegations of aids;
  - 2. Further requests the Commission to invoke procedures under Articles 92 - 94 of the Treaty to prevent payment of subsidy, if this should prove to be the case;
  - 3. Requests the Greek Government to comply efficiently and promptly with Commission requests for assistance in this matter.