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### Report

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on External  
Economic Relations

on the proposal from the Commission of the European  
Communities to the Council (Doc. 409/74) for a  
regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No. 950/68  
on the Common Customs Tariff as regards the exchange  
rate to be applied in respect of the tariff  
classification of certain cheeses

Rapporteur : Mr J. BAAS



By letter of 5 December 1974 the President of the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty, to deliver an opinion on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No. 950/68 on the Common Customs Tariff as regards the exchange rate to be applied in respect of the tariff classification of certain cheeses.

On 10 December 1974 the President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on External Economic Relations as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Agriculture for its opinion.

On 9 January 1975 the Committee on External Economic Relations appointed Mr Baas rapporteur. At the same meeting it considered and unanimously adopted the motion for a resolution and the explanatory statement.

Present: Mr de la Malene, chairman; Mr Brewis, Sir Douglas Dodds-Parker, Mr Kaspereit, Mr de Koning, Mr E. Muller, Mr Nyborg (deputizing for Mr Cousté) Mr Pintat, Lord St. Oswald and Mr Vandewiele.

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The Committee on External Economic Relations hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution, together with explanatory statement:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 950/68 on the Common Customs Tariff as regards the exchange rate to be applied in respect of the tariff classification of certain cheeses

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council<sup>1</sup>;
  - having been consulted by the Council in accordance with Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 409/74);
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc.440/74 );
1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the accompanying report to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ No. C 158, 17.12.1974, p.21

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

1. The par value communicated to the International Monetary Fund is applied pursuant to the relevant Rule of the Common Customs Tariff, for the purpose of calculating duties expressed in units of account.

2. As a result of current fluctuations in exchange rates, appreciable differences arise in the application of the Common Customs Tariff and may cause deflection of trade.

3. This situation requires an urgent solution as regards the importation of cheeses into certain Member States, since the price of such cheese on importation from third countries is considerably lower than the price of similar products manufactured within the Community.

4. In view of the urgency of the situation, and pending an overall solution, the Commission proposes that the problem should be solved in respect of these products only. For this reason the proposed solution has the effect of applying to such operations the representative rate fixed for the common agricultural policy.

5. This proposal has no financial consequences as regards the Community budget.



