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### Report

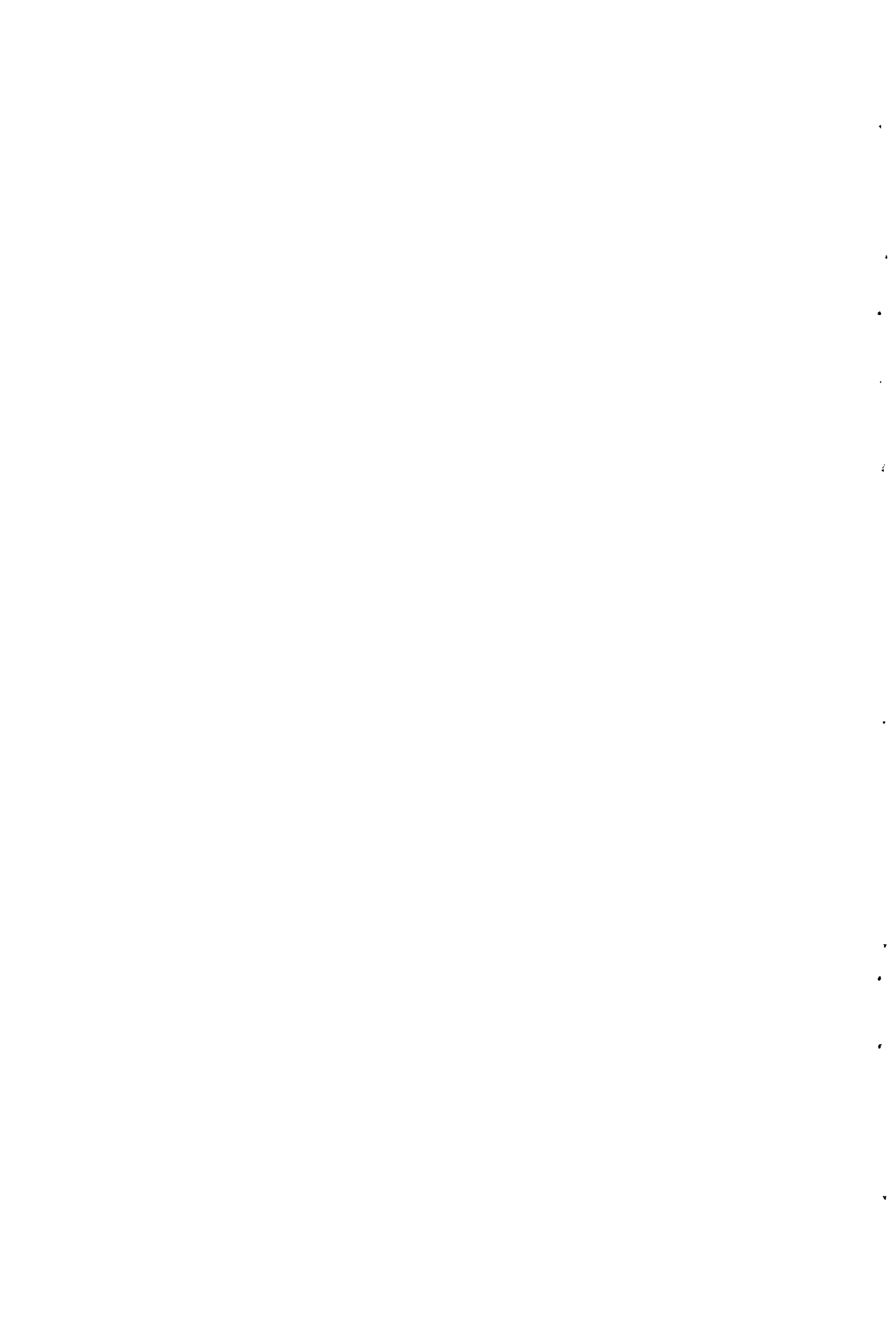
drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture

on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 192/75) for

- I. a regulation amending Regulation No. 120/67/EEC on the common organization of the market in cereals
- II. a regulation amending Regulation No. 359/67/EEC on the common organization of the market in rice

Rapporteur: Mr J. de KONING

PE 42.143/fin.



By letter of 7 July 1975 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 proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation amending Regulation No. 120/67/EEC on the common organization of the market in cereals and a regulation amending Regulation No. 359/67/EEC on the common organization of the market in rice.

The President of the European Parliament referred these proposals to the Committee on Agriculture as the committee responsible.

On 9 July 1975 the Committee on Agriculture appointed Mr de Koning rapporteur.

It considered these proposals at its meeting of 16 and 17 September 1975.

At the same meeting the committee adopted the motion for a resolution and the explanatory statement by 11 votes to 4.

Present: Mr Houdet, chairman; Mr Vetrone and Mr Laban, vice-chairmen; Mr de Koning, rapporteur; Mr Boano, Mr Bourdellès, Mr Della Briotta, Mr Durieux (deputizing for Mr Baas); Mr Frehsee, Mr Kofoed, Mr Liogier, Mr Martens; Mrs Orth; Lord Walston and Mr Zeller.

During the debates in plenary sitting on 26 September 1975 the motion for a resolution contained in this report was rejected and the report was consequently referred back to the Committee on Agriculture.

At its meeting of 2 and 3 October 1975, the chairman of the Committee on Agriculture informed the members of his committee of the referral back. The latter decided unanimously that there was no reason to amend the text adopted on 16 and 17 September 1975.

Present: Mr Houdet, chairman; Mr Laban, vice-chairman; Mr de Koning, rapporteur; Mr Brégégère, Mr Della Briotta, Mrs Dunwoody, Mr Frehsee, Mr Fröh, Mr Hansen, Mr Hughes, Mr Martens and Mrs Orth.

Firstly, the cost of production refunds in the cereal and rice sectors is not inconsiderable : 56,000,000 u.a. yearly.

Secondly, it is by no means clear that these production refunds do not lead to a distortion of free competition, either directly between the starch industries in different Member States or between industries in the different Member States, such as brewing, which make use of the subsidised products.

21. Consequently, the Committee on Agriculture requests that the Commission draw up a report on :

- (a) the utility of production refunds in the cereal sector;
- (b) their impact on the competitive position of processing industries making use of the subsidised products.



