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drawn up on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations

on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 171/75) for /

- I. a regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for dried figs falling within subheading ex 08.03 B of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Spain (1976)

- II. a regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for dried grapes falling within subheading ex 08.04 B I of the Common Customs Tariff originating in Spain (1976)

Rapporteur: Mr G. KASPEREIT

PE 41.381/fin.



By letter of 26 June 1975 the President of the Council of the European Communities, pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty, requested the European Parliament to deliver an opinion on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for two regulations opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for dried figs and dried grapes falling within subheadings ex 08.03 B and ex 08.04 B I of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Spain (1976).

At the sitting of 7 July 1975 the President of the European Parliament referred these proposals to the Committee on External Economic Relations as the committee responsible and to the Committees on Agriculture for its opinion.

At its meeting of 17 September 1975 the Committee on External Economic Relations appointed Mr Kaspereit rapporteur.

It examined the proposals for regulations at the same meeting and unanimously adopted the motion for a resolution and the accompanying explanatory statement.

Present: Mr Kaspereit, chairman and rapporteur; Mr Scott-Hopkins, Mr Bermani and Mr Boano, vice-chairmen; Mr Bayerl, Mr Bersani, Mr Brégègère, Lord Castle, Mr De Clercq, Mr Dunne, Mr Dykes, Mr E. Muller, Mr Nyborg, Mr Radoux, Mr Schulz, Mr Spicer, Mr Thornley and Mr Vetrone.

The opinion of the Committee on Agriculture is attached to this report.

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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 proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

- I. a regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for dried figs falling within subheading ex 08.03 B of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Spain (1976)
- II. a regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for dried grapes falling within subheading ex 08.04 B I of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Spain (1976)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council,¹
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 43 and 113 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 171/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 264/75),
- approves the Commission's proposals.

¹ OJ No. C 148, 3.7.1975, p. 5

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

1. The agreement at present in force between the EEC and Spain makes provision for the opening of Community tariff quotas for imports into the Community of certain dried figs and dried grapes originating in Spain.
2. In July 1973 the Community opened negotiations with Spain with a view to concluding by 1 January 1974 a new agreement to replace the present agreement. However, in view of the present state of these negotiations, it is by no means certain that the agreement will enter into force on 1 January 1976, but rather on a later date which might well be within the first half of 1976.
3. The Commission therefore proposes to open for 1976 Community tariff quotas for the above-mentioned products under conditions identical to those laid down for 1972/73. However, should the new agreement enter into force, the period of validity of these quotas will be limited to that part of 1976 not covered by the new agreement.
4. These proposals, which are identical to those valid for 1975, already approved by the European Parliament (see Baas Report, Doc.318/74) are of a technical nature and call for no special observations. The Member States' experts who participated at the consultative meeting of the "Economic Tariff Problems" group (14/18 April 1975) expressed agreement in principle to the scheme for allocation of shares proposed by the Commission in the present regulation.
5. The Committee on External Economic Relations therefore proposes that they should be adopted without amendment.

OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Letter from Mr R. HOUDET, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture to
Mr G. KASPEREIT, Chairman of the Committee on External Economic Relations

Brussels, 19 September 1975

Dear Mr Chairman,

The Committee on Agriculture, which was asked to deliver an opinion on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for regulations opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas

- for dried figs falling within subheading ex 08.03 B of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Spain (1976)
- for dried grapes falling within subheading 08.04 B I of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Spain (1976)

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

At that meeting the Committee on Agriculture reached the conclusion that these proposals for regulations raised no difficulties and therefore approved them.

It instructed me to inform your Committee by letter of its favourable opinion.

(sgd.) Roger HOUDET

Present: Mr Houdet, chairman; Mr Vetrone and Mr Laban, vice-chairmen;
Mr Bourdellès, Mr Frehsee, Mr Früh, Mr Kofoed, Mr De Koning, Mr Ligios,
Mr McDonald, Mr Ney, Lord Walston, Mr Zeller

