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REPORT

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive (Doc. 1-852/80) on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the installation, location, operation and identification of controls, tell-tales and indicators on wheeled agricultural and forestry tractors

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By letter of 29 January 1981 the President of the Council of the European Communities asked Parliament for an opinion on the proposal from the Commission to the Council for a directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the installation, location, operation and identification of controls, tell-tales and indicators on wheeled agricultural and forestry tractors.

On 9 February 1981 the proposal was referred to the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs.

At its meeting of 17 and 18 February 1981 the committee appointed Mr Nyborg rapporteur.

It considered his report on the Commission proposal at its meeting of 14 and 15 April 1981 and adopted the motion for a resolution and explanatory statement unanimously.

Present: Mr Delors, chairman; Mr de Ferranti and Mr Macario, vice-chairmen; Mr Nyborg, rapporteur; Mr Ansquer (deputizing for Mr Deleau), Mrs Baduel Glorioso (deputizing for Mr Piquet), Mr Beumer, Mr von Bismarck, Mr Bonaccini, Mr Carossino (deputizing for Mr Fernandez), Mr Damseaux (deputizing for Mr Combe), Miss Forster, Mr Franz, Mr de Goede, Mr Herman, Mr Markozanis, Mr Mihr, Mr Notenboom (deputizing for Mr Schnitker), Mr Petronio, Mr Purvis, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, Mr Wagner, Mr Walter and Mr von Wogau.

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The Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs 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 directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the installation, location, operation and identification of controls, tell-tales and indicators on wheeled agricultural and forestry tractors

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(80) 849 fin.),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 1-852/80),
 - having regard to the report by the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 1-170/81),
1. Approves the Commission's proposal.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

1. Twenty specific directives on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to wheeled agricultural and forestry tractors having already been adopted, the Council now needs to adopt but one final series of directives in order to make the EEC type-approval system complete. The draft directive under consideration forms part of this final series and concerns the installation, location, operation and identification of controls, tell-tales and indicators on wheeled agricultural and forestry tractors.

2. The main aim of the draft directive is to eliminate technical barriers and thus facilitate intra-Community trade. The Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, which has constantly underlined the importance of accomplishing the common market, can only endorse this aim. The proposal naturally strives to ensure the highest possible degree of safety whilst allowing the widest possible margin of manoeuvre and providing for the easy identification of controls, tell-tales and indicators. The committee agrees with the proposal.

3. In drawing up its proposal, the Commission has been inspired, on the one hand, by similar harmonization in the motor vehicle sector and, on the other, by the technical standards approved in the framework of the ISO (International Standardization Organization).

Once this final series of specific directives relating to wheeled agricultural and forestry tractors has been approved, all technical standards for tractors will have been harmonized and the EEC type-approval system for tractors will be complete. As in the case of motor vehicles, the absence of a directive relating to a particular EEC type-approval procedure for industrial products from non-member countries could impede the adoption of the final series of specific directives relating to tractors. For this reason, it is important that this proposal (Doc. 1-7/80) be approved as soon as possible.

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