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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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with a request for topical and urgent debate
pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on the proposal for a Council regulation (EEC)
on the common organization of the market in sugar
with particular reference to the 'masse de
manoeuvre' or margin.

PE 73.039

The European Parliament,

- whereas the proposal for a new regulation on the common organization of the market in sugar comprises two products, sugar and isoglucose, which are produced from different raw materials,
- whereas sugar is an agricultural product whose raw material is produced in the Community, while in the EEC countries isoglucose is clearly a manufactured product whose raw material, maize, is imported from third countries,
- whereas by the decision of the Agricultural Ministers of 1 April 1981 Greece was allocated a sugar production quota only (A quota 290,000 tonnes) and no isoglucose production since it had no isoglucose industry prior to its accession to the EEC,
- whereas the proposed measure for the reciprocal transfer of sugar and isoglucose quotas within the framework of a 'masse de manoeuvre' or margin can be applied only in a one-sided manner in Greece, that is by cutting the sugar quota in favour of new isoglucose companies and not vice versa,
- whereas the fact that the margin can be applied only in a one-sided manner amounts to unfavourable discriminatory treatment of the Greek sugar industry and beet growers, which, as a result of this measure, may lose their competitiveness vis-à-vis the sugar industries of Member States which already have isoglucose production quotas that can be transferred to the sugar industry,
- whereas the production quotas allocated to sugar industries constitute a means of guaranteeing to producers that they will receive Community prices and be able to dispose of their product, and whereas quota transfers should be made having regard to the interests of all parties concerned and, in particular, those of beet and sugar-cane producers in the Community.

1. Considers that,

- The reciprocal transfer of sugar and isoglucose production quotas, as provided for in Article 25(4) of the proposal for a new regulation on the common organization of the market in sugar, will in the case of Greece discriminate one-sidedly against beet and sugar production.
- Member States which have already been granted isoglucose production quotas have the possibility of reciprocally transferring quotas and therefore this measure constitutes discriminatory treatment against the interests of Greek beet producers and against the sugar industry in Greece.

2. Proposes:

- that this measure for the reciprocal transfer of the margin be abolished by deleting the word 'reciprocal' from the text of Article 25(4) of the proposed regulation on sugar replacing it with the phrase 'independently between them'.
3. Instructs the President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.