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on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 1-588/81) for a regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 357/79 on statistical surveys of areas under vines

Rapporteur: Mr J. DALSASS

By letter of 9 October 1981, 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 for a Council regulation amending Regulation (EEC) N° 357/79 on statistical surveys of areas under vines.

The President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on Agriculture as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Budgets for its opinion.

At its meeting of 20 and 21 October 1981 the Committee on Agriculture appointed Mr DALSASS rapporteur.

It considered the proposal at its meeting of 26 and 27 October 1981 and, at the same meeting, adopted the motion for a resolution by 15 votes to 2.

Present: Mr Delatte, vice-chairman and acting chairman; Mr Dalsass, rapporteur; Mr Battersby, Mr Blaney (deputizing for Mr Skovmand), Mr Clinton, Mr Gautier, Mr Helms, Mrs Herklotz, Mr Key (deputizing for Mrs Castle), Mr Kirk, Mr Ligios, Mr Maher, Mr Marck (deputizing for Mr Tolman), Mr McCartin (deputizing for Mr Früh), Mr Nielsen, Mr d'Ormesson, and Mr Provan.

The opinion of the Committee on Budgets will be published separately.

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The Committee on Agriculture 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 (EEC) amending Regulation (EEC) N° 357/79 on statistical surveys of areas under vines.

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM (81) 466 final),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 1-588/81),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 1-688/81),
 - having regard to its opinion of 11 July 1980¹ on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No. 357/79 on statistical surveys of areas under vines,
 - whereas Greece has been a member of the European Community since 1 January 1981,
 - having regard to the real difficulties which have made it impossible for Italy to complete the basic survey on areas under vines in 1981,
1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
 2. Urges the Italian Government, however, to do everything possible to ensure that the basic survey on areas under vine is completed by 31 October 1982.

¹OJ N° C 197 of 4 August 1980, p. 53

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

1. Under Regulation (EEC) No. 357/79, wine-producing Member States are expected to carry out basic surveys of areas under vines every ten years and intermediate surveys annually.
2. Because Greece has been a member of the European Community since 1 January 1981, it is necessary to extend the system of statistical surveys to that country and also provide for Community financing. This is the purpose of the Commission's proposal as far as Greece is concerned.
3. In the case of Italy, the proposal postpones until 31 October 1982 (instead of 31 October 1981) the date by which the first basic statistical survey must be completed, while the first intermediate survey must be carried out in 1984.
4. On 11 July 1980 Parliament had delivered an opinion on a similar proposal from the Commission¹. Its view was that 31 December 1981 should be proposed as the deadline for carrying out the first basic survey in Italy. It is therefore surprising to find that Italy is to be granted a new deadline, especially as the Council, for its part, opted for 31 October 1981, as indicated above.
5. Mr Colleselli's report (Doc 1-302/80) explained why the Italian Government had had to request more time to allow it to carry out the agricultural census of which the basic survey on areas under vines forms a part. Owing to the fact that a general election had been called earlier than expected, the Italian Parliament had not been able to approve in time the draft law providing for general censuses, including the agricultural census.
6. This year, the Italian Government wanted to carry out the statistical survey of areas under vines at the same time as the general census of 25 October. However, the relevant application has been rejected by the Italian Parliament. For this reason, the survey cannot be carried out until next year.
7. For these reasons, the Italian Government has requested the Commission to postpone the deadline granted to Italy for the completion of the statistical survey on areas under vines. The date proposed by the Commission is therefore 31 October 1982 instead of 31 October 1981.

¹ Docs 1-133/80 and 1-302/80 - rapporteur: Mr Colleselli.

8. The Committee on Agriculture deplores this further delay but, in view of the real difficulties which have arisen in Italy, considers that it can approve the Commission's proposal.

The committee is of the opinion that the new deadline should on no account be overrun.

