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REPORT

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on External  
Economic Relations

on the proposal from the Commission of the European  
Communities to the Council (Doc. 172/79) for a regulation  
extending the validity of Regulation (EEC) No. 2862/77  
on the levies applicable to imports of certain adult  
bovine animals and beef from Yugoslavia

Rapporteur: Mr M. MARTINELLI



By letter of 7 May 1979 the President of the Council of the European Communities consulted the European Parliament pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a draft Council regulation extending the validity of Regulation (EEC) No. 2862/77 on the levies applicable to imports of certain adult bovine animals and beef from Yugoslavia.

The President of the European Parliament referred the Commission's proposal to the Committee on External Economic Relations as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Budgets for their opinions.

The Committee on External Economic Relations appointed Mr Martinelli rapporteur at its meeting of 8 May 1979; at the same meeting it considered the proposal and adopted the motion for a resolution and explanatory statement unanimously.

Present: Mr Martinelli, acting chairman and rapporteur; Mr van Aerssen, Lord Castle, Mr de Clerq, Mr Fitch, Mr Inchauspé, Mr Müller-Hermann, Mr Spicer and Mr Tolman.

The opinions of the Committee on Agriculture and Committee on Budgets are 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 proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation extending the validity of Regulation (EEC) No. 2862/77 on the levies applicable to imports of certain adult bovine animals and beef from Yugoslavia

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Com (79) 233 final),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 172/79),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and to the opinions of the Committee on Agriculture and Committee on Budgets (Doc. 174/79);

Approves the Commission proposal.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

On 19 December 1977 the Council adopted special arrangements for imports of certain bovine animals and beef from Yugoslavia<sup>1</sup>.

These arrangements are currently in force and will apply until the entry into force of a new EEC - Yugoslavia cooperation agreement which is now being negotiated. The arrangements are at present valid until 30 June 1979.

It is now proposed to extend the current arrangements until the entry into force of the new agreement or, at the latest, until 31 December 1979.

Essentially, the Commission proposes to maintain, up to 31 December 1979 or the entry into force of the agreement currently being negotiated, the suspension of 70% of the levy applicable to imports of bullocks for fattening weighing 220 - 300 kg originating in Yugoslavia, in respect of 12,000 head per quarter.

To ensure continuity of action in this sector, the Commission proposal should be approved.

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<sup>1</sup> See Council Regulation (EEC) No. 2862/77

OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Letter from the chairman of the committee to Mr G. KASPEREIT,  
chairman of the Committee on External Economic Relations

Luxembourg, 9 May 1979

Dear Mr Chairman,

At its meeting of 9 May 1979, the Committee on Agriculture<sup>1</sup> considered the proposal for a Council Regulation extending the period of validity of Regulation (EEC) No. 2862/77 on levies applicable to imports of certain adult bovine animals and beef from Yugoslavia.

The purpose of this proposal is to extend until 31 December 1979 the special arrangements for imports of certain adult bovine animals and beef from Yugoslavia, introduced by Regulation (EEC) No. 2862/77.

These arrangements, which are applicable until the entry into force of the new EEC-Yugoslavia Cooperation Agreement, now being negotiated, are due to expire on 30 June 1979. In view of the difficulties encountered in the negotiations between the two parties, it is not certain that the new agreement can enter into force on the abovementioned date.

The special arrangements must therefore be extended if trade between the EEC and Yugoslavia is not to be interrupted since beef and veal play an important part in the Yugoslav economy.

Furthermore, the Commission proposes that the suspension at 70% of the levy on imports from Yugoslavia of 12,000 head per quarter of young male bovine animals of 220 to 300 kg intended for fattening should be maintained until 31 December 1979.

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<sup>1</sup>Present: Mr Caillavet, chairman; Mr Albertini, Mr Baas (deputizing for Mr Cifarelli), Mr Brégégère, Mr Cunningham, Mr Corrie, Mrs Dunwoody, Mr Früh, Mr Howell, Mr Brøndlund Nielsen and Mr Tolman.

The Committee on Agriculture approves the Commission's proposal so as not to interrupt trade in beef and veal between the EEC and Yugoslavia.

It would, however, draw to your committee's attention the opinion it gave last year<sup>1</sup> urging the Commission to pursue a cautious policy in the matter of imports of beef and veal from third countries to avoid endangering the equilibrium of the Community market.

(sgd) Henri Caillavet

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<sup>1</sup>Doc. 414/77 - draftsman of the opinion : Mr Lemp

OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGETS

Letter from the chairman of the committee to Mr Gabriel KASPEREIT,  
Chairman of the Committee on External Economic Relations

Luxembourg, 8 May 1979

Subject: Proposal for a Council regulation extending the validity of  
Regulation (EEC) No. 2862/77 on the levies applicable to  
imports of certain adult bovine animals and beef from Yugoslavia

Dear Mr Chairman,

The Committee on Budgets considered the above proposal for a  
regulation at its meeting of 7 May.

The special regulation adopted on 19 December 1977 in respect of  
imports of beef from Yugoslavia and providing for a 70% reduction in the  
levies, is due to expire on 30 June 1979. Since negotiations on the  
conclusion of the new EEC/Yugoslavia cooperation agreement have not yet  
been completed, the present proposal extends the existing levy reduction  
for the period ending on 31 December 1979.

Since the loss of revenue from the levies is minor in this instance,  
the Committee on Budgets is able to deliver a favourable opinion.

Yours sincerely,

Erwin LANGE

Present: Mr Lange, chairman; Lord Bruce of Donington, Mrs Dahlerup,  
Mr Dalyell, Mr Dankert, Mr Notenboom, Mr Ripamonti, Mr Shaw and  
Mr van Aerssen.

