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Report

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture

on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the
Council (Doc. 112/76) for a directive concerning surveys of pig production to be
made by Member States

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By letter of 14 May 1976 the President of 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 from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive concerning surveys of pig production to be made by Member States.

The President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on Agriculture as the committee responsible.

The Committee on Agriculture appointed Mr Lucien Martens rapporteur on 18 May 1976.

It considered this proposal at its meeting of 3 and 4 June 1976.

At the same meeting the Committee unanimously adopted the motion for a resolution and the explanatory statement.

The following were present : Mr Houdet, chairman; Mr Laban, vice-chairman; Mr Martens, rapporteur; Mrs Dunwoody, Mr Frehsee, Mr Früh, Mr Gibbons, Mr Howell, Mr Kofoed, Mr De Koning, Mr Radoux (deputising for Mr Cifarelli), Lord St. Oswald, Mr Scott-Hopkins and Lord Walston.

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A

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 directive concerning surveys of pig production to be made by Member States

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(76) 165 final),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 112/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 157/76),

1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
2. Requests that the results of the surveys should be made available to producers and the trade in the shortest possible time;
3. Emphasises that information obtained concerning individual producers should remain strictly confidential and be used only for the purposes of the surveys;
4. Requests the Commission to incorporate the proposed amendments in its proposals to the Council, pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph, of the EEC Treaty.

Proposal from the Commission to the Council
for a directive concerning surveys of pig
production to be made by Member States

Preamble, recital and Articles 1 to 9 unchanged

Article 10

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the Commission shall submit to the
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European Parliament and the Council
a report on the experience gained
in surveying and forecasting pig
production.

Articles 11 and 12 unchanged

EXPLANATORY STATEMENTThe purpose of the Commission's proposal

1. The purpose of the Commission's proposal is to modify procedures relating to surveys of the pig population, carried out every four months, in order to provide the Commission with short-term forecasts of market supplies of pigmeat.

Modifications to existing texts

2. This proposal is to replace Directive 68/161/EEC¹, and so introduce certain modifications to existing texts.

These modifications are intended to allow for greater flexibility in taking into account experience in implementing and utilising the results of surveys, by means of reference to the committee procedure in drawing up: categories of the pig population; and time limits by which Member States shall communicate results of surveys and forecasts of pig slaughterings (proposed Article 11).

3. The accompanying Commission decision proposes that the time limit for transmission of results by Member States to the Commission shall be eight weeks instead of ten (as laid down in the Directive on beef surveys) and incorporates weight categories already used following Directive 72/281/EEC².

Conclusions

4. The Commission's proposal to introduce a greater degree of flexibility in the implementation of pig surveys can be approved by the Committee on Agriculture.

5. The Committee on Agriculture, at the same time, stresses the importance of such surveys for proper market management, and urges that the resulting forecasts of potential production of pigmeat be communicated as widely as possible and with the minimum of delay amongst professional circles.

6. Finally, the Committee on Agriculture emphasises the importance of ensuring that information obtained concerning individual producers should remain strictly confidential and be used only for the purposes of the surveys.

¹ O.J. No L 76, 28.3.1968, p. 13.

² O.J. No L 179, 7.8.1972, p. 5.

