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of the Committee on External Economic Relations

on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 238/73) for a regulation on the opening, allocation and administration of a Community tariff quota for frozen beef falling within subheading 02.01 A II (a) 2 of the Common Customs Tariff (1974)

Draftsman: Mr E.A. KLEPSCH

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The Committee on External Economic Relations appointed Mr Klepsch draftsman of the opinion on 12 December 1973.

The draft opinion was discussed by the committee at its meeting of 12 December 1973 and unanimously adopted.

The following were present : Mr BOANO, chairman; Mr KLEPSCH, rapporteur; Mr LANGE, the Marquess of LOTHIAN, Sir John PEEL, Mr SCHOLTEN and Mr THORNLEY.

1. On the basis of the commitments made by the Community at the last GATT negotiations and with Argentina, this proposal for a regulation provides, as in 1973, for the opening of a tariff quota of 22,000 tonnes of frozen beef - boned or boneless (subheading 02.01 A II (a)) 2 of the Common Customs Tariff - duty 20% - for 1974.
2. In accordance with the treaty provision whereby additional quotas may be considered, a further quantity of 12,000 tonnes is proposed to cover any requirement which might arise in the three new Member States.
3. The proposed regulation also indicates how the quota should be allocated among the Member States. There would be two instalments of 90% and 10% of the total quantity, the latter instalment being intended as a reserve to cover the requirements of Member States who have used up their initial allocation.
4. Considering the increasing demand for beef in the Member States and the administrative measures set out in this proposal - proved in the past - the Committee for External Economic Relations recommends that the proposed regulation be approved.