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OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON EXTERNAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS  
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on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the  
Council (Doc. 7/75) for a regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No. 1059/69  
laying down the trade arrangements applicable to certain goods resulting from the  
processing of agricultural products

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OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON EXTERNAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS

Draftsman : Mr K. NYBORG

On 1 April 1975 the Committee on External Economic Relations appointed Mr K. NYBORG draftsman.

It considered the draft opinion at its meetings of 1 April and 17 April 1975 and adopted it unanimously at the meeting of 17 April 1975.

Present: Mr Kaspereit, chairman; Lord Bethell, Mr Didier, Mr Dunne, Mr Klepsch, Mr Pintat, Mr Schwabe, Mr Spicer, Mr Thornley and Mr Vandewiele.



## I. INTRODUCTION

1. Regulation No. 1059/69 of 28 May 1969<sup>1</sup> provides for, among other things, a levy replacing customs duties and charges having equivalent effect till then applied in the Member States.

2. This levy is made up of a fixed component and a variable component.

The fixed component is constituted by an ad valorem duty, while the purpose of the variable component is to compensate for any differences in the prices of agricultural products inside and outside the Community.

## II. PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSAL

3. The purpose of this proposal is to raise the minimum rate of the variable component from 0.25 u.a. to 0.50 u.a.

4. The reasons why it is felt that the minimum rate should be increased as above are:

- over the years the minimum rate applied has been rendered inadequate by rises in the general level of prices;
- a rate equivalent to 0.25 u.a. per 100 kg of goods is not sufficient to cover even the administrative cost of applying the regulation.

## III. CONCLUSIONS

5. The committee agrees in principle with the proposal.

6. It feels, however, that an increase from 0.25 u.a. to 0.50 u.a. is not enough, particularly in view of the recent and continuing rise in price levels. It therefore considers it advisable to raise the minimum rate from 0.25 u.a. to 1 u.a.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ No. L 141 of 12.6.1969

OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGETS

Letter from the chairman of the committee to Mr Roger HOUDET,  
chairman of the Committee on Agriculture.

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Brussels, 24 April 1975

Dear Mr Houdet,

At its meeting on 23/24 April 1975, the Committee on Budgets considered the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation laying down the trade arrangements applicable to certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products (Doc. 7/75).

The proposal to change the limit, from 0.25 u.a. per 100 kg of goods to 0.50 u.a., at which variable components levied on imports of processed agricultural products are fixed at zero, could be effected with little revenue loss. The change would reduce, to some extent, administrative work and would, therefore, be a positive, albeit inconsiderable, move towards the simplification of customs procedures favoured by Parliament.

In the light of these considerations, the Committee on Budgets gave a favourable opinion on the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd.) Erwin Lange