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### REPORT

drawn up by the Committee on Agriculture

on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for

- I. a directive relating to the date of entry into force of Directive 80/217/EEC introducing Community measures for the control of classical swine fever
- II. a decision introducing Community financial measures for the control of classical swine fever (Doc. 1-209/80)
- III. a directive amending Directive 64/432/EEC with regard to swine vesicular disease and swine fever
- IV. a directive amending Directive 72/461/EEC with regard to swine vesicular disease and swine fever
- V. a directive amending Directive 80/215/EEC with regard to swine vesicular disease and classical swine fever
- VI. a directive prolonging certain derogations granted to Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom in respect of swine fever (Doc. 1-208/80)

Rapporteur : Mr H. J. BUCHOU



By letters of 27 May 1980, the President of the Council requested the European Parliament, pursuant to Articles 43 and 100 of the EEC Treaty, to deliver an opinion on

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The Council requested the European Parliament to deliver its opinion on the last of the above directives by urgent procedure, pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure.

The President of the European Parliament referred these proposals to the Committee on Agriculture as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Budgets for its opinion (on Item II).

The Committee on Agriculture appointed Mr Buchou rapporteur.

It considered this proposal at its meeting of 17 June 1980 and at the same meeting adopted the motion for a resolution by 25 votes with 1 abstention.

Present: Sir Henry Plumb, chairman; Mr Fröh, vice-chairman; Mr Buchou, rapporteur, Mrs Barbarella, Mr Battersby, Mr Blaney (deputizing for Mr Skovmand), Mrs Castle, Mr Clinton, Mr Colleselli, Mrs Cresson, Mr Curry, Mr Dalsass, Mr de Keersmaeker (deputizing for Mr d'Ormesson), Mr Diana, Mr Gautier, Mr Helms, Mrs Herklotz, Mr Jürgens, Mr Kirk, Mr Maher, Mr Pranchère, Mr Provan, Miss Quin, Mr Sutra, Mr Tolman and Mr Wettig.

The explanatory statement will be given orally by the rapporteur.

The opinion of the Committee on Budgets is attached.

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The Committee on Agriculture hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution :

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for

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The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council,<sup>1</sup>
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 43 and 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 1-209/80 and Doc. 1-208/80),
- having regard to its opinion of 18 January 1980<sup>2</sup> on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation laying down conditions designed to render and keep the territory of the Community free from classical swine fever,
- reiterating its desire to see classical swine fever eradicated as a matter of urgency,
- considering that the eradication of this disease would benefit Community pig farmers, lead to freer intra-Community trade in pigs and pigmeat and facilitate exports,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 1-252/80),

<sup>1</sup>OJ No. C 132 of 3.6.1980, pp. 6 and 7  
OJ No. C 130 of 31.5.1980, pp. 6, 8, 9 and 10

<sup>2</sup>OJ No. C. 34 of 11.2.1980, p. 107

1. Welcomes the Commission's proposals on the control of classical swine fever which lay down measures to speed up the fight against this disease and eradicate it within a period of five years;
2. Regards it as imperative that these measures should be supplemented by :
  - (a) systematic destruction of foci of infection in countries bordering the Community along the lines already being pursued
  - (b) systematic veterinary control of imports of live pigs and pigmeat to ensure that they are not carriers of the classical swine fever virus;
3. Approves of the supplementary measures that Member States which do not carry out vaccinations are authorized to take on a transitional basis prior to bringing live pigs into their territories, having regard to the fact that it should take at least five years to eradicate swine fever throughout the entire Community;
4. Considers that the derogations heretofore enjoyed by Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom in the matter of classical swine fever should be extended for one year from 1 July 1980, subject to a revision at the end of this period;
5. Approves the proposals for combating swine vesicular disease, particularly the fact that only heat treatment should be accepted as guaranteeing sterilization of meat products intended for intra-Community trade;
6. Urges the Commission, where intra- and extra-Community trade in pigs and pigmeat is concerned, to take all the further measures necessary to ensure that the virus that causes swine vesicular disease is not transmitted in the course of this trade;
7. Urges the Commission to see to it that from the moment of its entry into the Community Greece implements the provisions of Community legislation concerning the struggle against epizootic diseases.

OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGETS

Letter from the acting chairman of the committee to Sir Henry PLUMB,  
chairman of the Committee on Agriculture

Luxembourg, 12 June 1980

Subject: Proposal for a Council decision introducing Community financial  
measures for the control of classical swine fever (third proposal  
in Doc. COM(80) 206 final)

Dear Sir Henry,

The Committee on Budgets considered the above proposal at its meeting  
of 3/4 June 1980.

According to the financial statement these measures are to be financed  
by the EAGGF Guarantee Section (Item 8315) at a total cost of 35 m EUA,  
spread over the period 1981 to 1985. Since the Community is financing  
similar measures in third countries and in the absence of any objections  
on financial/technical grounds, the Committee on Budgets is able to deliver  
a favourable opinion.

It requests the committee responsible, however, to establish whether  
it is certain that the effectiveness of the measures is not impaired by  
the import of swine from third countries in which the disease has not yet  
been eradicated.

Furthermore, the Committee on Budgets calls attention to the fact that  
Article 6(4) of the proposal gives the Council the last word, in other words  
the Council is vested with executive powers in cases where the Commission  
disagrees with the opinion of the management committee, a principle that is  
contrary to the established doctrine of the European Parliament.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd) Harry Notenboom  
acting chairman

Present: Mr Notenboom, first vice-chairman and acting chairman;  
Mr Rossi, vice-chairman; Mr Arndt, Mrs Boserup, Mr Baillot,  
Mr Balfe, Mr Colla, Mr Forth, Mr Gouthier, Mr Nord, Lord O'Hagan,  
Mrs Pruvot (deputizing for Mrs Scrivener) and Mr Konrad Schon.

