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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the measures necessary to prevent destruction of
oranges withdrawn from the market

The European Parliament

- A. having regard to Article 39(2) of the Treaty,
- B. having regard to the serious crisis in the Community citrus fruit sector,
- C. having regard to the Commission proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No. 2511/69 laying down special measures for improving the production and marketing of Community citrus fruit (COM(81) 402 final),
- D. whereas the proposal, as put forward by the Commission, cannot resolve the serious problems of the sector and urgent measures are needed,
- E. whereas the Community preference as regards citrus fruit is increasingly being disregarded and the existing Community rules need to be amended as a matter of urgency so that, despite under-production of citrus fruit, large quantities do not have to be withdrawn each year in an attempt to rationalize the market, which is in a state of crisis because of the sudden fall in producer prices,
- F. whereas a large proportion of the citrus fruit withdrawn from the market is destroyed, to the detriment of producers and irritation of the public,
- G. whereas new coordinated measures such as processing incentives would not place a further burden on the EEC budget but instead lead to savings,
- 1. Considers it necessary for the Commission to undertake to rectify the situation in the Community citrus fruit sector not only by means of structural measures but also by means of measures to promote full use of the product in order to prevent withdrawal and thus destruction;
- 2. Considers that structural measures should be accompanied by measures to promote the proper use of the product and thus prevent withdrawal and destruction;
- 3. Considers that withdrawal of citrus fruit can be largely eliminated or at least considerably reduced by means of different processing premiums for different varieties and fixed minimum prices adapted to attainment of the objective of product use;
- 4. Considers that the processing premium should also be granted for the second category of 'moro' and 'tarocco' blood oranges and the second category of lemons;
- 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.