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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. 1-191/81) for a regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 458/80 on collective projects for the restructuring of vineyards

Rapporteur: Mr V. GATTO

By letter of 28 April 1981 the Council of the European Communities consulted the European Parliament, pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty, on the proposal from the Commission to the Council for a regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No. 458/80 on collective projects for the restructuring of vineyards.

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

On 11 May 1981 the committee appointed Mr GATTO rapporteur.

At its meeting of 21 and 22 September 1981 the committee considered this proposal and adopted the motion for a resolution with 20 votes in favour and 1 abstention.

Present: Mr Delatte, vice-chairman and acting chairman;
Mr Colleselli, vice-chairman; Mr Gatto, rapporteur; Mrs Barbarella,
Mrs Castle, Mr Clinton, Mr Curry, Mr Dalsass, Mr Eyraud, Mr Gautier,
Mr Hord, Mr Jürgens, Mr Kirk, Mr Maffre-Baugé, Mr Marck (deputizing
for Mr Helms), Mr Newton Dunn (deputizing for Mr Battersby), Mr d'Ormesson,
Mr Pranchère, Mr Sutra, Mr Thareau and Mr Woltjer.

The Committee on Agriculture hereby submits to the European Parliament the following amendments and motion for a resolution, together with explanatory statement:

A M E N D M E N T No 1

Article 1(1) of the proposed regulation:

Paragraph 3(b) of Article 2 of Regulation 458/80 is amended as follows:

- '(b) in the case of table wines, an area of not less than 50 hectares of vineyard which has been replanted or newly-planted in accordance with a restructuring plan established for the whole of the restructured vineyard, made up of unbroken wine-growing plots which are in principle not less than two hectares each.'

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 regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No. 458/80 on collective projects for the restructuring of vineyards

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council¹,
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 1-191/81),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 1-539/81),
 - having regard to the importance of restructuring Community vineyards, particularly in relation to a policy for improving the quality of wines,
1. Approves the Commission proposal as amended pursuant to this resolution;
 2. Asks the Commission to submit to the Council the amendments to Regulation (EEC) No. 458/80 required to make it applicable to Greece;
 3. Requests the Commission to adopt the foregoing amendments pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph, of the EEC Treaty.

¹ OJ No. C 98, 30.4.1981, p. 3

Hence growers will no longer be compelled to grub up their entire vineyard in order to qualify for restructuring aid. In future, only that part of the vineyard needing restructuring will be grubbed up for replanting, except where new planting is involved under the provisions of Regulation (EEC) No. 337/79. **A similar provision already exists under the Languedoc-Roussillon directive (Directive 78/627/EEC)** . . .

5. In order to simplify the administrative procedure, the Commission proposes that growers should lay down a restructuring plan (Article 2(3) (b)) which will have to be endorsed by the EAGGF. Once the plan is approved payment can be made more rapidly. In the past it was necessary to obtain detailed information on each of the areas concerned, which took a great deal of time.
6. The Commission proposes amplifying Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No. 458/80 to specify that collective restructuring projects must be completed within ten years of the date of approval by the Commission of the project concerned. It seems reasonable to set a time limit to measures of this kind in the interests of good administrative practice.
7. The Commission clarifies Article 5 of Regulation (EEC) No. 458/80 by stipulating that the amount of the premium per hectare is fixed between 2,418 and 3,022 ECU for replanting and 2,418 ECU for new planting.
8. Finally, in Article 8, the Commission states that this regulation will apply to 223,800 hectares of newly planted or replanted vineyards, replacing the words 'restructured vineyard'.
9. This amendment of a regulation, and especially the opportunity for the EAGGF to finance projects relating only to part of the wine-growing area covered by a project, will enable the Community to take a hand in the restructuring of vineyards situated in the Val de Loire, Gers, Aquitaine and on the periphery of Bordelais. It should also be pointed out that in addition to groups of producers, individual growers who have concluded an agreement amongst themselves will be able to benefit from these restructuring measures.
10. As it stands at present, Regulation (EEC) No. 458/80 is not applicable to Greece by reason of the actual structure of the Greek wine-growing area. The Commission is at present studying how the Greek wine-growing area could benefit from restructuring measures, and can only be encouraged to pursue its studies and to make the necessary proposals to the Council.

TABLE 1: Forecast changes and actual changes in the areas under wine-grape vines

Member State	Total area under vines	New plantings	Re-plantings	Grubbings	Change since previous wine-growing year			
					forecast		actual	
					ha	%	ha	%
<u>Germany</u>								
1976/77	100.343	321	3.749	3.836	+ 234	+ 0,2	+ 790	+ 0,8
1977/78	101.598	232	4.012	3.990	+ 254	+ 0,3	+ 1.255	+ 1,3
1978/79	102.125	214	3.939	4.041	+ 162	+ 0,2	+ 527	+ 0,5
1979/80	:	143	4.060	4.047	+ 156	+ 0,2		
<u>France</u>								
1976/77	1.270.000	1.461	24.888	42.094	- 15.745	- 1,2	- 19.000	- 1,5
1977/78	1.253.000	1.662	20.625	36.948	- 14.661	- 1,2	- 17.000	- 1,3
1978/79	1.194.798	2.026	14.080	36.739	- 20.633	- 1,6	- 58.202	- 1,6
1979/80	:	1.827	17.149	34.081	- 15.105	- 1,3		
<u>Italy</u>								
1976/77	1.183.789	1.334	8.457	15.982	- 6.191	- 0,5	+ 2.581	+ 0,2
1977/78	1.176.593	2.585	6.137	14.762	- 6.040	- 0,5	- 7.196	- 0,6
1978/79	1.168.802	2.557	9.260	12.318	- 501	- 0,0	- 7.791	- 0,7
1979/80	:	4.590	10.156	12.022	+ 2.724	+ 0,2		
<u>Luxembourg</u>								
1976/77	1.277	5	20	22	+ 5	+ 0,2	+ 11	+ 0,2
1977/78	1.289	10	46	46	+ 10	+ 0,8	+ 12	+ 0,9
1978/79	1.285	18	36	36	+ 18	+ 1,4	- 4	- 0,3
1979/80	:	18	30	30	+ 18	+ 1,4		
<u>EEC²</u>								
1976/77	2.555.416	3.121	37.114	61.934	- 21.699	- 0,8	- 15.613	- 0,6
1977/78	2.532.487	4.489	30.820	55.746	- 20.437	- 0,8	- 22.929	- 0,9
1978/79	2.467.017	4.815	27.365	53.134	- 20.954	- 0,8	- 65.470	- 2,6
1979/80	:	6.578	31.395	50.180	- 12.207	- 0,5		

¹Including the areas relating to operations in "Cognac"

²Including the areas relating to operations in Belgium

Source: EUROSTAT - EC Commission, D.G. for Agriculture, on the basis of data provided by the Member States