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drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture

on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 1-434/81) for a regulation laying down special measures in respect of olive oil producer organizations for the 1981/82 marketing year

Rapporteur: Mr A. DIANA

By letter of 10 August 1981, the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament, pursuant to Article 43 of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, to deliver an opinion on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation laying down special measures in respect of olive oil producer organizations for the 1981/82 marketing year.

The President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on Agriculture as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Budgets for its opinion.

On 21/22 September 1981 the Committee on Agriculture appointed Mr DIANA rapporteur.

It considered this proposal at its meeting of 1 and 2 October 1981 and unanimously adopted the motion for a resolution.

Present: Sir Henry Plumb, chairman; Mr Costanzo (deputizing for Mr Diana, rapporteur), Mr Battersby, Mr Blaney (deputizing for Mr Skovmand), Mr Davern, Mr De Keersmaeker (deputizing for Mr Tolman), Mr Eyraud, Mr Gatto, Mr Hord, Mr Marck (deputizing for Mr Helms), Mr B. Nielsen, Mr Papaefstratiou, Mrs Pery (deputizing for Mr Thareau), Mr Pranchère, Mr Provan and Mr Sutra.

The opinion of the Committee on Budgets will be published separately.

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

A M E N D M E N T No. 1

Article 2 of the proposal for a regulation:

1. unchanged

2. Interested producer organizations shall, not later than 31 October 1981, submit an application to the competent authorities of the Member State concerned for verification that the conditions set out in paragraph 1 have been met.

The Member State shall:

- take a decision on the application within 45 days of its submission,
- notify the Commission and the producer organization concerned of its decision within 15 days.

3. Producer organizations set up during the 1978/79, 1979/80 and 1980/81 marketing years under Council Regulations (EEC) No. 2752/78¹, (EEC) No. 2377/79² and (EEC) No. 2528/80³ shall continue to benefit from the aid arrangements provided for in paragraph 1.

Such producer organizations shall, by 20 October 1981 at the latest, inform the Member State concerned of any amendment to their structure which may have taken place since they were recognized.

The Member State concerned shall:

- on the basis of this information, verify whether the conditions set out in paragraph 1 continue to be met,
- notify, not later than 31 October 1981, the Commission and the organization concerned of the outcome of these verifications.

4. unchanged

¹ OJ No. L 331, 28.11.1978, p. 8

² OJ No. L 274, 31.10.1979, p. 1

³ OJ No. L 254, 2.10.1980, p.1

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 laying down special measures in respect of olive oil producer organizations for the 1981/82 marketing year

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(81) 364 fin.)¹,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the Treaty (Doc. 1-434/81),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 1-566/81),
- noting that certain member States have still to implement Council Regulation (EEC) No. 1360/78 on producer groups and associations thereof,
- hoping that the Commission will take the matter up with the Member States concerned, so as to avoid the need to extend yet again the system established by Regulation (EEC) No. 1917/80,

Approves the Commission's proposals as amended by this resolution.

¹ OJ No. C 226, 5.9.1981, p. 3.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The need for the proposal for a regulation in question, which lays down special measures in respect of olive oil producer organizations for the 1981/82 marketing year, has arisen because certain Member States have still to implement Regulation (EEC) No. 1360/78 on producer groups and associations thereof.

Regulation 136/66/EEC, the basic regulation in the olive oil sector, was amended by Regulation (EEC) No. 1917/80 to empower groups and associations recognized within the meaning of Regulation No. 1360/78 to assist with certain of the tasks entailed in the management of the production aid system as from 10 November 1981.

Since the recognition of producer groups and associations thereof has been held up in some States by the failure of the regional authorities to adopt the requisite legislation, implementation of Regulation No. 1917/80 must be deferred to 10 November 1982 and a further proposal made to extend to the next olive marketing year the transitional arrangements that have applied in previous years. This means that for this year aid will continue to be paid to olive growers who are members of those producer organizations which, though fulfilling certain conditions, have not been legally recognized in accordance with Regulation No. 1360/78. It follows that these organizations will continue to carry out certain extremely delicate tasks without having the necessary legal personality.

It is to be hoped that the Member States involved will rapidly introduce the legal instruments that are essential for the implementation of Regulation No. 1360/78, to ensure that the regional administrations concerned adopt the necessary regulations at the earliest possible date.

The Committee on Agriculture has decided to propose that the Commission change some of the deadlines set in the proposal as they cannot be met because of the delay in approving it.

