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REPORT

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

on the proposal from the Commission of the European
Communities to the Council (Doc. 2-1329/84 - COM(84)
661 final)

for a regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No. 1885/78
laying down general rules for the financing of
intervention by the European Agricultural Guidance and
Guarantee Fund, Guarantee Section

Rapporteur: Mr T. TOLMAN

By letter of 17 December 1984, the President of the Council of the European Communities consulted the European Parliament, pursuant to Article 43 of the Treaty establishing the EEC, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities for a regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No. 1883/78 laying down general rules for the financing of intervention by the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, Guarantee Section.

On 14 January 1985, the President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Food as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Budgetary Control for an opinion.

At its meeting of 31 January/1 February 1985, the committee decided to apply the simplified consultation procedure pursuant to Rule 99(2) of the Rules of Procedure; its chairman was therefore appointed rapporteur.

As no objections had been put forward by 5 March 1985, the chairman formally recorded the adoption of the report.

The opinion of the Committee on Budgets is attached. The Committee on Budgetary Control will not be delivering an opinion.

The report was tabled on 6 March 1985.

The deadline for tabling amendments to this report will be indicated in the draft agenda for the part-session at which it will be debated.

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

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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

closing the procedure for consultation of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council amending Regulation (EEC) No. 1883/78 laying down general rules for the financing of intervention by the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, Guarantee Section.

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission to the Council (COM(84) 661 final),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 2-1329/84),
 - having regard to the report by the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 2-1795/84),
 - having regard to the result of the vote on the Commission's proposal,
1. Approves the abovementioned proposal;
 2. Instructs its President to forward to the Council and the Commission, as Parliament's opinion, the Commission's proposal as voted by Parliament, and the corresponding resolution.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

1. The aim of the Commission's proposal is to seek a reduction in Community expenditure on interest costs to be reimbursed to the Member States on funds tied up when the intervention agencies buy agricultural products into intervention.
2. The rate of interest operated is uniform throughout the Community and representative of the interest rates actually paid by the Member States.
3. In view of the wide differences between interest rates in the Member States, the Commission is now proposing to retain the legislation on the uniform interest rate but to insert a provision to the effect that the Community may reduce its reimbursement to a Member State where the interest costs actually borne are less than would result from the application of the uniform interest rate. Essentially, if the rate of interest in force in a Member State is lower than the uniform rate used by the Community, reimbursement will be made on the basis of the lower rate.
4. The proposal seems appropriate in the interests of sound management of the common agricultural policy and a reduction in unnecessary expenditure. During the discussions in committee, some Members pointed out that the proposal could involve a degree of risk, since the differentiation in the Community reimbursement according to Member State could signal the beginning of a renationalization of the common agricultural policy, which would inevitably lead to the total destruction of this policy in the medium or long term.

OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGETS

Letter from Mr COT, chairman of the Committee on Budgets, to Mr TOLMAN, chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

Subject: Proposal for a regulation amending Regulation 1883/78 laying down general rules for the financing of intervention by the EAGGF Guarantee Section (COM(84) 661 - 1329/84)

Dear Mr Tolman,

The Committee on Budgets considered the abovementioned proposal at its meetings of 23/24 January and 28 February 1985.

The Committee on Budgets had no objections to the approval of the proposal by the simplified procedure provided for in Article 99(2) of Parliament's Rules of Procedure.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd) Jean-Pierre COT

Present: Mr COT, chairman; Mr RYAN, first vice-chairman; Mr ARNDT, Mr BARDONG, Mr CHRISTODOULOU, Mr DANKERT, Mrs FUILLET, Mr LOUWES, Mr PFENNIG, Mr SAKELLARIOU (deputizing for Mr RIGO) and Mr DE VRIES (deputizing for Mr ROSSI)

