

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES  
GENERAL SECRETARIAT

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467th Council meeting

- Agriculture -

Brussels, 13 September 1977

President: Mr Antoine HUMBLET  
Minister for Agriculture of  
the Kingdom of Belgium

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The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr Antoine HUMBLET                      Minister for Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Poul DALSAER                      Minister for Agriculture  
Mr Hans Jørgen KRISTENSEN              State Secretary,  
   Ministry of Agriculture

Germany:

Mr Josef ERTL                      Federal Minister for Agriculture  
Mr Hans-Jürgen ROHR                      State Secretary,  
   Federal Ministry of Agriculture

France:

Mr Pierre MEHAIGNERIE                      Minister for Agriculture  
Mr Jacques BLANC                      State Secretary at the Ministry  
   of Agriculture

Ireland:

Mr Jim GIBBONS                      Minister for Agriculture

Italy:

Mr Giovanni MARCORA                      Minister for Agriculture  
Mr Arcangelo LO BIANCO                      Deputy State Secretary,  
   Ministry of Agriculture

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean HAMILIUS	Minister for Agriculture
Mr Albert BERCHEM	State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture

The Netherlands:

Mr A.P.L.M.M. VAN DER STEE	Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries
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The United Kingdom:

Mr John SILKIN	Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food
Mr Gavin STRANG	Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

The Commission:

Mr Finn Olav GUNDELACH	Vice-President
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DANISH "GREEN" KRONE

The Council adopted the Commission proposal for a Regulation amending Regulation No 878/77 on the exchange rate to be applied in agriculture to the Danish krone. The aim of this Regulation is to align the "green" krone on the official rate following the recent devaluation of the Danish krone, and will consequently avoid the application of monetary compensatory amounts to Denmark.

The following table indicates the effects of this measure:

Former rate	New rate	Deval. in %	Effects	
			on prices in %	on MCA's in points
1 DKr=0.122877 UA	1 DKr=0.116733 UA	5	+ 5.263	0
1 UA =8.13822 DKr	1 UA =8.56656 DKr			

In addition, Mr GUNDELACH referred to the undertaking which the Commission had already entered into to submit a fresh proposal in the agri-monetary sector at the beginning of October. He said that the Commission would also submit the result of the examination it had made of the problems of distortion of competition arising from the system of compensatory amounts.

WINE MARKET

The Council took note of a statement by the French delegation, which the Italian delegation endorsed, concerning the wine market situation and the measures to be taken to alleviate difficulties as a result of the 1977 harvest.

The French Government had asked the Commission to examine all the measures which might be taken pursuant to Article 38 of the basic wine regulation, including the granting of aid for the use of concentrated musts to enrich the 1977 wine harvest.

Mr GUNDELACH informed the Council of the need for essential additional information before the Commission could state its conclusions in the matter.

HOP MARKET

The Council took note of a statement by the German delegation, endorsed by the Belgian delegation, concerning the situation in the hop market and the measures to be introduced to alleviate the difficulties which had arisen.

The Commission announced its intention, not only of forwarding to the Council in the near future a proposal for implementing the structural arrangements already contemplated, but also of bringing forward the submission of its report on aid in this sector.

MILK

The Council briefly considered a number of questions connected with the implementation of its decision concerning the co-responsibility levy in the milk products sector. It agreed to return to the subject at its next meeting on 26 and 27 September 1977 on the basis of a Commission report.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

The Council adopted the Regulation concluding an agreement with Austria, under Article XXVIII of the GATT, on the unbinding by that country of the tariff concessions for cheese.

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The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Decision setting up a consultation procedure on relations between Member States and third countries in shipping matters and on action relating to such matters in international organization.

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On a proposal from the British Government, the Council appointed as full members of the Committee of the European Social Fund

- Mr David DEUCHAR, Education, Training and Technology Department, Confederation of British Industry, to replace Mr Melville IPE, full member, who has resigned,
- Mr D.J. HODGKINS, Department of Employment, to replace Mrs KENT, full member, who has resigned,

for the remainder of their predecessors' terms of office, i.e. until 28 October 1977.

Acting on proposals from the United Kingdom and Danish Governments respectively, the Council appointed as full members of the Advisory Committee on Vocational Training:

- Mr H.N. TOMLINSON, Assistant Director, Manpower and Training Engineering Employers' Federation, to replace Mr E. de B. MARSH, full member, who has resigned;
- Mr O.J. MIKKELSEN, Direktoratet for Erhvervsuddannelserne, to replace J.A. MORTENSEN, full member, who has resigned, for the remainder of their terms of office, i.e. until 20 June 1978.

Acting on a proposal from the United Kingdom Government, the Council appointed Mr A.B. MARTIN, Health and Safety Executive, as a full member of the Advisory Committee on Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work to replace Mr D. RICHARDSON, full member, who has resigned, for the remainder of his term of office, i.e. until 4 May 1978.

Acting on a proposal from the Irish Government, the Council appointed Mr H.J. CURLIS, General and Municipal Workers' Union, as a member of the Economic and Social Committee to replace Mr B.G. HARKIN, member, who has resigned, for the remainder of his term of office, i.e. until 16 September 1978.

Acting on a proposal from the Danish Government, the Council appointed Mr Morten Kjaergaard HANSEN as an alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Medical Training to replace Mr SCHIØLLER, alternate, for the remainder of his term of office, i.e. until 5 April 1979.

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NOTE BIO(77)299 AUX BUREAUX NATIONAUX  
C.C. AUX MEMBRES DU GROUPE, A M. LE DIRECTEUR GENERAL DE LA DG 1  
ET A M. OPITZ, DG 8

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CONSEIL AGRICOLE  
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LES MINISTRES DE L'AGRICULTURE ONT INTERROMPU, CE MATIN, LEUR RENCONTRE INFORMELLE QUI LES REUNISSAIT DEPUIS HIER, A L'INVITATION DE LA PRESIDENCE BELGE, POUR TENIR UNE COURTE SESSION OFFICIELLE DU CONSEIL AGRICOLE. LORS DE CE CONSEIL, LES MINISTRES ONT ABORDE QUATRE DOSSIERS : LA DEVALUATION DE LA COURONNE DANOISE VERTE, LA SITUATION SUR LE MARCHE DU VIN, SUR LE MARCHE DU HOUBLON ET L'APPLICATION, A PARTIR DU 16 SEPTEMBRE, DE LA TAXE DE CORESPONSABILITE IMPOSEE AUX PRODUCTEURS LAITIERS.

COURONNE DANOISE  
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LE CONSEIL A ADOPTE LA PROPOSITION DE LA COMMISSION VISANT A DEVALUER DE 5 0/0 LE TAUX DE LA COURONNE DANOISE VERTE. LE NOUVEAU TAUX (1 DKR = 0,116733 UC AU LIEU DE 0,122877) ENTRERA EN VIGUEUR LE 16 SEPTEMBRE PROCHAIN SAUF POUR LES PRODUITS DONT LA CAMPAGNE N'A PAS ENCORE COMMENCE (P.EX. LA PECHE) OU L'ENTREE EN VIGUEUR COINCIDERA AVEC LE DEBUT DE LA NOUVELLE CAMPAGNE. LA DECISION DU CONSEIL EVITE L'INTRODUCTION DE MONTANTS COMPENSATOIRES MONETAIRES DANS LES ECHANGES AGRICOLES DANOIS TOUT EN AUGMENTANT DE 5,263 0/0 LES PRIX D'INTERVENTION EXPRIMES EN COURONNES DANOISES.

CE DOSSIER N'A PAS PU ETRE REGLE PLUS TOT (LA COURONNE A ETE DEVALUEE LE 28 AOUT ET LA COMMISSION A FAIT UNE PROPOSITION POUR DEVALUER LE TAUX VERT LE 30 AOUT) PUISQUE LE ROYAUME-UNI ET LA FRANCE ONT INSISTE POUR QUE LES MINISTRES EN DISCUTENT A LEUR NIVEAU POLITIQUE. A CETTE OCCASION, LA FRANCE A DEMANDE QUE LA COMMISSION FASSE UNE ETUDE SCIENTIFIQUE SUR LES EFFETS ET SUR LES DISTORSIONS DES MONTANTS COMPENSATOIRES. LA GRANDE-BRETAGNE A DEMANDE, A NOUVEAU, QUE LA BASE DE CALCUL DES MCM POUR LA VIANDE PORCINE SOIT MODIFIEE DE TELLE FACON QUE LES MCM SOIENT DERIVES, A RAISON DE 67 0/0, DU PRIX DE BASE AU LIEU DE 85 0/0. PAR CONSEQUENT, LES SUBSIDES A L'IMPORTATION ET LA COMPETITION QUE DOIVENT SUPPORTER LES PRODUCTEURS BRITANNIQUES DIMINUERAIENT. M. GUNDELACH A ANNONCE QUE L'ETUDE ETAIT DEJA EN PREPARATION ET QU'ELLE SERA PRESENTEE AU DEBUT DU MOIS D'OCTOBRE. ELLE SERA ACCOMPAGNEE DE PROPOSITIONS MODIFIEES POUR L'ADAPTATION PERMANENTE DES MCM AINSI QUE D'UN RAPPORT SUR LES POSSIBILITES D'INTRODUIRE L'UNITE DE COMPTE EUROPEENNE DANS LE FONCTIONNEMENT DE LA POLITIQUE AGRICOLE COMMUNE. ////

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## MERCHE DU VIN

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LA FRANCE ET L'ITALIE ONT ATTIRE L'ATTENTION SUR LES DIFFICULTES EPROUVEES PAR LES PRODUCTEURS DE VIN DANS CERTAINES REGIONS SUITE AU GEL DU PRINTEMPS ET AUX PLUIES DE L'ETE QUI ONT DIMINUE LA QUALITE ET LA QUANTITE DE LA RECOLTE 1977. LE MINISTRE FRANCAIS A INVOQUE L'ARTICLE 38 DU REGLEMENT DE BASE VIN (AIDE EN CAS DE CALAMITES) POUR RECLAMER DES AIDES A L'ENRICHISSEMENT DE CERTAINS VINS FAIBLES EN TENEUR ALCOOLIQUE AU MOYEN DE MOUT CONCENTRE DE RAISINS. CETTE AIDE POURRAIT ETRE LIMITEE A CERTAINES REGIONS DELIMITEES A DECLARE LE MINISTRE FRANCAIS. SON COLLEGE ITALIEN A ENSUITE EVOQUE UNE SITUATION ANALOGUE DANS DES REGIONS ITALIENNES. M. GUNDELACH A ANNONCE QUE LA COMMISSION ETUDIERA LA SITUATION MAIS QU'IL AURA BESOIN DE DONNEES SUPPLEMENTAIRES EN CE QUI CONCERNE LES REGIONS, LES QUANTITES ET LE NOMBRE DE VITICULTEURS CONCERNES.

LA COMMISSION A D'AILLEURS APPROUVE HIER SOIR UN REGLEMENT PREVOYANT L'APPLICATION DE LA "GARANTIE DE BONNE FIN" A ENVIRON 8,5 MIO D'HL QUI FONT L'OBJET DE CONTRATS DE STOCKAGE A LONG TERME (VOIR BIO COM DE LA SEMAINE DERNIERE). LA MOITIE DE CETTE QUANTITE POURRA ETRE DISTILLEE (COUT FEOGA : 64 MUC) AVEC DES AIDES COMMUNAUTAIRES TANDIS QUE L'AUTRE MOITIE BENEFICIERA D'UNE PROLONGATION DES CONTRATS DE STOCKAGE DE QUELQUES MOIS (COUT FEOGA : 5 MUC).

## MERCHE DU HOUBLON

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LE MINISTRE ALLEMAND A DEMANDE QUE DES MESURES DE SOUTIEN SOIENT PRISES POUR AIDER LES PRODUCTEURS DE HOUBLON QUI SONT CONFRONTES AVEC LES PRIX LES PLUS BAS DEPUIS DES DECENNIES. M. GUNDELACH A ANNONCE DES PROPOSITIONS POUR LE MOIS D'OCTOBRE. CES PROPOSITIONS POURRONT COMPRENDRE DES MESURES STRUCTURELLES (AIDES A L'ARRACHAGE OU A LA RECONVERSION) AINSI QUE D'EVENTUELLES AIDES SPECIALES POUR LE STOCKAGE. DE PLUS, LES PROPOSITIONS POUR LES AIDES ANNUELLES POUR L'ANNEE 1978 SERONT ANTICIPEES DE PLUSIEURS MOIS : ELLES SERONT INTRODUITES FIN JANVIER 1978 AU LIEU DE MAI/JUIN COMME D'HABITUDE. SI LE CONSEIL PEUT ANTICIPER D'AUTANT LA DECISION, LES PRODUCTEURS DISPOSERONT PLUS TOT DE LEURS AIDES.

## TAXE DE CORESPONSABILITE ■ DES PRODUCTEURS LAITIERS

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M. GUNDELACH A INSISTE AUPRES DES MINISTRES POUR QUE L'APPLICATION DE LA TAXE DE CORESPONSABILITE, DONT L'INTRODUCTION EST PREVUE POUR LE 16 SEPTEMBRE, SOIT UNIFORME DANS TOUS LES PAYS

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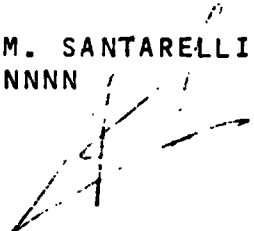
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DE LA COMMUNAUTE POUR EVITER DE GRANDES DIFFICULTES. (DANS PLUSIEURS PAYS, LES PRODUCTEURS ONT PROTESTE CONTRE L'INTRODUCTION DE CETTE TAXE). M. GUNDELACH A DECLARE QUE CE REGIME NE PEUT ■ REUSSIR QUE SI LE CONSEIL DECIDE BIENTOT ■■■■■■■■■■, ET, APRES CONSULTATION DES PROFESSIONNELS, DE LA MANIERE DONT L'ARGENT COLLECTE AU MOYEN DE CETTE TAXE SERA UTILISE. DES PROPOSITIONS A CET EFFET SERONT FAITES LORS ■ DU PROCHAIN CONSEIL DES 26 ET 27 SEPTEMBRE.

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