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ORAL QUESTION (0-98/78)

with debate pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure by Mr FELLERMAIER and HUGHES on behalf of the Socialist Group to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject : Sale of Butter to the Soviet Union

In the light of recent suspension of prefixation of the export refund for a quantity of some 20.000 tons of butter to be sold to the Soviet Union can the Commission state :

- how much longer it considers that the European consumer will have to put up with a policy which results in sales of butter to third countries at prices lower than those which the consumers of the Community have to pay,
- whether the Commission, in line with its own repeated undertakings, considers that it made adequate efforts to ensure that Parliament had an opportunity to express its opinion on this particular sale,
- when the Commission will be in a position to introduce new measures in the dairy sector in order to remove the need for the sale of butter to third countries at prices lower than those paid by consumers within the Community ?