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with debate, pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure
by Mrs POIRIER, Mrs DE MARCH, Mr MARTIN, Mr MAFFRE-BAUGE
and Mr FERNANDEZ
to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Authorization of importation of American wine

On 26 July the Community and the United States signed an agreement in the form of an exchange of letters on trade in wine.

This agreement opens Community frontiers to American wines which will be exempt from the normal certification procedures.

1. Can the Commission explain why it has decided to authorize such imports?
2. What induced the Commission to hold up to ridicule its own rules on wine-making by authorizing the importation of wines 'manufactured' in complete disregard to the Community's quality standards?
3. Does the Commission seriously believe that this concession will halt the American commercial offensive on the agricultural markets?