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REPORT

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations

on a proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (doc. 1-178/82 - COM(81) 161 final) for a regulation on the adaptation of the external trade statistics of the Community to the Directive concerning the harmonization of procedures for the export of goods and for the release of goods for free circulation

Rapporteur: Mr ALMIRANTE

By letter of 22 April 1982 the President of the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament, pursuant to Article 113 of the EEC Treaty, to deliver an opinion on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation on the adaptation of the external trade statistics of the Community to the Directives concerning the harmonization of procedures for the export of goods and for the release of goods for free circulation.

The President of the European Parliament referred this proposal on 29 April 1982 to the Committee on External Economic Relations as the committee responsible.

On 19 May 1982 the Committee on External Economic Relations appointed Mr Almirante rapporteur.

The committee considered the Commission's proposal and the draft report at its meetings of 19 May and 26 May 1982.

At the latter meeting the committee decided unanimously to recommend that Parliament should adopt the Commission's proposal without amendment.

The committee then unanimously adopted the motion for a resolution as a whole.

The following participated in the vote: Sir Fred Catherwood, chairman; Mrs Wieczorek-Zeul, vice-chairman; Mr van Aerssen, vice-chairman; Mr Almirante, rapporteur; Mrs Baduel Glorioso, Mr Beazley (deputizing for Sir Jack Stewart), Mrs Carettoni Romagnoli (deputizing for Mr Galluzzi), Mr Del Duca (deputizing for Mr Blumenfeld), Mr Irmer (deputizing for Mr Damseaux), Mr Jonker, Mr Maher (deputizing for Mr Gawronski), Mrs L. Moreau, Lord O'Hagan, Mr Paulhan, Mrs Phlix (deputizing for Mr Majonica), Mrs Poirier, Mrs Pruvot, Mr Radoux, Mr Rieger, Mr Seal.

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A

The Committee on External Economic Relations hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution together with explanatory statement:

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 for a regulation on the adaptation of the external trade statistics of the Community to the Directives concerning the harmonization of procedures for the export of goods and for the release of goods for free circulation

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(81) 161 final)¹
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc 1-178/82)
- having regard to the report by the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc 1-319/82)
- having regard to the result of the vote on the proposal from the Commission

1. Approves the proposal for the regulation in question;
2. Instructs its President to forward to the Commission and the Council the proposal from the Commission as voted by Parliament and the corresponding resolution as Parliament's opinion.

¹ OJ No C 106 of 27.4.82, p. 3

B

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

1. The proposed regulation is designed to apply the rules in Articles 3 to 39 of Regulation (EEC) No 1736/75, which relate to the external trade statistics and statistics of trade between Member States¹ to two categories of goods which are not covered by the regulation at present.
2. These categories are
 - (a) on importation, goods released for free circulation at a time not coinciding with their introduction into home use, and
 - (b) goods declared exported outside Community customs territory by a Member State where their goods have been warehoused after having been sent there from another Member State and without having been introduced into home use in that State.
3. The entry into force in 1982 of Directive No 79/695 EEC of 24 July 1979 on the harmonization of procedures for the release of goods for free circulation² and Directive No 81/177/EEC of 24 February 1981 on the harmonization of export procedures for Community goods³ will mean that these two categories of goods will not be statistically recorded in the Communities external trade statistics or in statistics relating to trade between Member States unless they are specifically included in Regulation 1736/75 as provided for in this proposal.
4. The Committee on External Economic Relations, aware of the importance of the Communities trade statistics being as complete as possible, endorses the Commission's proposal.

¹ OJ No L 183 of 14.7.75, p. 3

² OJ No L 205 of 13.8.79, p. 19

³ OJ No L 83 of 30.3.81, p. 40