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Report

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on External
Economic Relations

on the proposal from the Commission of the European
Communities to the Council (Doc. 1-132/82 - COM(82)
131 final) for a regulation amending Regulation
(EEC) No. 1430/79 on the repayment or remission of
import or export duties

Rapporteur: Mrs LENZ

By letter of 15 April 1982 the President of the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament, pursuant to Articles 43 and 235 of the EEC Treaty, to deliver an opinion on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No. 1430/79 on the repayment or remission of import or export duties.

On 21 April 1982 the President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on External Economic Relations as the committee responsible.

On 29 April the Committee on External Economic Relations appointed Mrs LENZ rapporteur.

The committee considered the Commission's proposal and the draft report at its meetings of 19 and 27 May 1982.

At the latter meeting it decided unanimously to recommend to Parliament that the report be adopted unamended.

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

The following took part in the vote: Sir Fred Catherwood, chairman; Mr van Aerssen, vice-chairman; Mrs Lenz, rapporteur; Mrs Baduel Glorioso, Mr Bonaccini (deputizing for Mr Galluzzi), Mr Pelikan, Mrs Phlix (deputizing for Mr Majonica), Mrs Pruvot, Mr Stella, Sir Frederick Warner and Mr Welsh.

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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

concluding the procedure for consultation of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No. 1430/79 on the repayment or remission of import or export duties

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission (COM(82) 131 final)¹,
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 43 and 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 1-132/82),
 - having regard to the report of the committee responsible (Doc. 1-320/82),
 - having regard to the result of the vote on the proposal from the Commission,
1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
 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 94, 15.4.1982, p. 7

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

1. This proposal for a regulation is largely technical in content and is intended to improve the operation of a regulation which first came up before the Committee on External Economic Relations in 1976¹.
2. According to the Commission, experience of the original regulation since 1 July 1980 has shown that provision should be made for
 - (a) the repayment or remission of import or export duties in certain cases where procedural requirements laid down by the Council in the original regulation have not been observed;
 - (b) Member States to grant requests for the remission or repayment of sums of less than 10 ECU.
3. The cases mentioned in (a) primarily involve goods which are not re-exported as prescribed under the supervision of the customs office and after prior notification. Under the original regulation the Commission cannot remit the export duties even if the exporter subsequently produces proof that the goods have been re-exported.

The measures proposed under (b) are intended to simplify administrative procedures.
4. As there is evidence that all the Member States endorse the proposed measures and the Commission is drawing up conditions to prevent abuses and, finally, all the exceptions admitted under (a) must be unanimously approved by the Committee on Duty-Free Arrangements, the Committee on External Economic Relations approves this proposal for a regulation.

¹ See Doc. 54/76 - Report by E. Müller on the proposal for a regulation COM(75) 685 final. (Now Council Regulation (EEC) No. 1430/79 of 2 July 1979)