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### REPORT

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on External  
Economic Relations

on the proposals from the Commission of the European  
Communities to the Council for

#### I. A regulation

OPENING A COMMUNITY TARIFF QUOTA FOR HIGH-QUALITY,  
FRESH, CHILLED OR FROZEN BEEF OR VEAL FALLING WITHIN  
SUBHEADINGS 02.01 A II a) and 02.01 A II b) of the  
COMMON CUSTOMS TARIFF

#### II. A regulation

OPENING A COMMUNITY TARIFF QUOTA FOR FROZEN BUFFALO  
MEAT FALLING WITHIN SUBHEADING 02.01 A II b) 4bb)33  
of the COMMON CUSTOMS TARIFF  
(Doc. 1-574/80)

#### III. A regulation

ON THE OPENING, ALLOCATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE  
COMMUNITY TARIFF QUOTA FOR FROZEN BEEF AND VEAL  
FALLING WITHIN SUBHEADING 02.01 A II b) of the  
COMMON CUSTOMS TARIFF (1981)  
(Doc. 1-676/80)

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By letter of 10 November and 2 December 1980 the President of the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament, pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty to deliver an opinion on the following:

- I a proposal for a Council regulation (EEC) opening a Community tariff quota for high-quality, fresh, chilled or frozen beef and veal falling within subheadings 02.01 A II a) and 02.01 A II b) of the Common Customs Tariff;
- II a proposal for a Council regulation (EEC) opening a Community tariff quota for frozen buffalo meat falling within subheading 02.01 A II b) 4 bb)33 of the Common Customs Tariff;
- III a proposal for a Council regulation (EEC) on the opening, allocation and administration of the Community tariff quota for frozen beef and veal falling within subheading 02.01 A II b) of the Common Customs Tariff (1981).

The President of the European Parliament referred these proposals to the Committee on External Economic Relations as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Budgets for their opinions.

On 25 November 1980 the Committee on External Economic Relations appointed Mr LOUWES rapporteur.

At its meeting of 3 December 1980 the Committee on External Economic Relations considered and unanimously adopted the motion for a resolution and the explanatory statement.

Present: Sir Frederick Catherwood, Chairman;  
Mrs Wiczorek-Zeul, Vice-chairman,  
Mr Louwes, rapporteur,  
Mr Cohen (deputizing for Mr Seal),  
Mrs Rabbethge (deputizing for Mr Lemmer),  
Mr Radoux, Mr Rieger (deputizing for Mr Martinet),  
Mr Seeler and Mr Welsh.

The opinions of the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Budgets are attached.

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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

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

I. A regulation

Opening a Community tariff quota for high quality, fresh, chilled or frozen beef and veal falling within subheadings 02.01 A II a) and 02.01 A II b) of the Common Customs Tariff;

II. A regulation

Opening a Community tariff quota for frozen buffalo meat falling within subheading 02.01 A II b) 4bb)33 of the Common Customs Tariff;

III. A regulation

On the opening, allocation and administration of the Community tariff quota for frozen beef and veal falling within subheading 02.01 A II b) of the Common Customs Tariff (1981)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(80) 625 final and COM(80) 719 final),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 1-574/80 and Doc. 1-676/80),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the opinions of the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 1-689/80),

Approves the Commission's proposals.

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The proposals for regulations under consideration concern the opening of Community tariff quotas for frozen buffalo meat and frozen and fresh beef and veal.

Under the General Agreement on tariffs and trade (GATT), the Community has undertaken to open an annual tariff quota at a rate of duty of 20% for a quantity fixed at 21,000 tonnes of beef and veal and 2,250 tonnes of buffalo meat.

It is now necessary to open these tariff quotas with effect from 1 January 1981.

The regulations are to enter into force on January 1981 and will be valid for one year. They are renewable annually and have already been approved by the European Parliament.

Since the application of the regulations in question has not raised any serious problems in previous years, these proposals can be approved.

OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, Sir Henry Plumb, to Sir Frederick Catherwood, Chairman of the Committee on External Economic Relations.

Brussels, 5 December 1980

Dear Mr Chairman,

At its meeting of 4 and 5 December 1980 the Committee on Agriculture<sup>1</sup> considered the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

- I a regulation opening a Community tariff quota for high-quality, fresh, chilled or frozen beef and veal falling within subheadings 02.01 A II a) and 02.01 A II b) of the Common Customs Tariff,
- II a regulation opening a Community tariff quota for frozen buffalo meat falling within subheading 02.01 A II b) 4bb)33 of the Common Customs Tariff,
- III a regulation on the opening, allocation and administration of the Community tariff quota for frozen beef and veal falling within subheading 02.01 A II b) of the Common Customs Tariff (1981).

Under the commitments entered into under GATT the Community undertook to import in 1980:

- 21,000 tonnes of high-quality, fresh, chilled or frozen beef and veal falling within subheading 02.01 A II a) and 02.01 A II b) of the CCT at a rate of duty of 20% from the United States of America (10,000 tonnes), Argentina (5,000 tonnes), Australia (5,000 tonnes) and Uruguay (1,000 tonnes);
- 2,250 tonnes of frozen buffalo meat falling within subheading 02.01 A II b) 4bb)33 of the CCT at a rate of duty of 20% from Australia to Germany, where some of this meat is used by the processing industry (tinned products) and some by the catering trade;
- 50,000 tonnes of frozen beef and veal falling within subheading 02.01 A II b) of the CCT at a rate of duty of 20%, subject to the application of monetary compensatory amounts in respect of 16,500 tonnes.

<sup>1</sup>Present: Sir Henry Plumb, Chairman, Miss Barbarella, Mr Battersby, Mrs Castle, Mr Diana, Mr Helms, Mr Hord, Mr Maher, Mr Provan, Miss Quin, Mr Tolman, Mr Vernimmen, Mr Wettig and Mr Woltjer.

The Commission proposes to re-open these three Community tariff quotas for 1981 with a slight amendment to the last-mentioned to take account of the accession of Greece to the Community with effect from 1 January 1981.

The Committee on Agriculture approves the proposal but invites the Commission to ensure that these imports do not adversely affect the Community beef and veal market, at the same time entailing high storage costs.

It would also like the Commission to submit to the European Parliament a report on total beef and veal imports from non-member countries, indicating for each exporting country the quantity involved and the level of the concession granted.

Yours sincerely,

Sir Henry PLUMB