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OPINION

of the Committee on Budgets

on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 1-231/80) for a regulation laying down, in respect of hops, the amount of aid to producers for the 1979 harvest

Letter from the chairman of the committee to Sir Henry PLUMB, chairman of the Committee on Agriculture

Luxembourg, 20 June 1980

Sir Henry PLUMB,  
Chairman of the Committee on  
Agriculture of the European  
Parliament  
European Centre  
Kichberg-LUXEMBOURG

Subject: Proposal for a Council regulation (EEC) laying down, in respect  
of hops, the amount of aid to producers for the 1979 harvest  
(COM(80) 262 final)

Dear Sir Henry,

The Committee on Budgets considered the above proposal for a regulation  
at its meeting of Monday, 16 June 1980.

The annual fixing of production aid in respect of the 1979 harvest is  
determined by the market situation, the average yield and price trends within  
and outside the Community.

The amount of aid has been fixed as follows:

- Aromatics 250 ECU/ha
- Bitters 200 ECU/ha
- Others 250 ECU/ha

On the basis of the areas under cultivation this would give an expenditure  
under Article 732 of the Community budget of 5.6 m ECU. The appropriation  
entered in the budget is 10 m ECU.

Since the intervention operations in this sector are declining (in  
1978 they amounted to 11.1 m ECU) and the possibility exists that in the  
event of structural surpluses or market disturbances the aid granted can be  
restricted to a certain area under cultivation, the Committee on Budgets  
approves the aid fixed for the year under consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd) Erwin Lange