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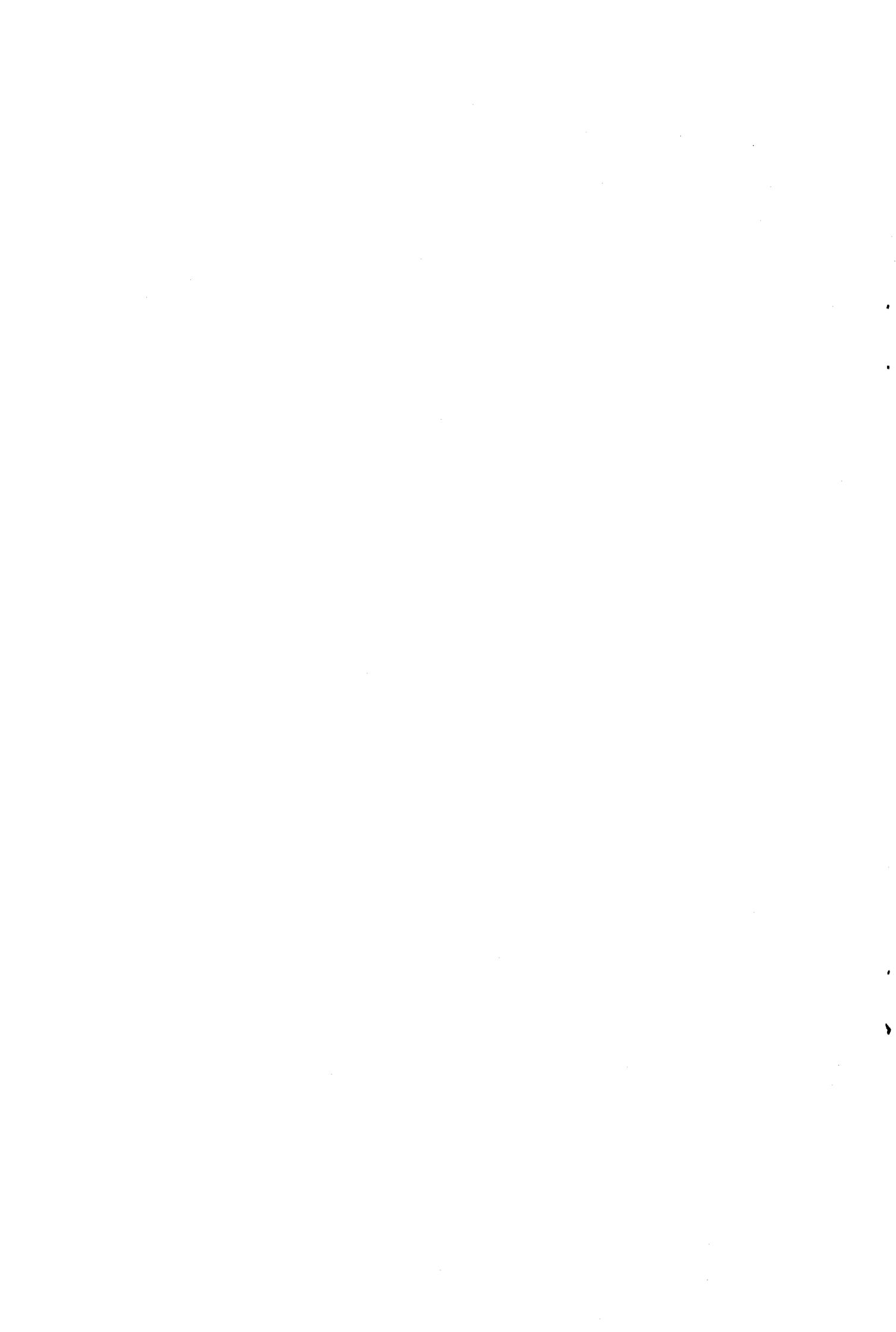
Report

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. 156/75) for a regulation/opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for apricot pulp falling within subheading ex 20.06 B II c) 1 aa) of the Common Customs Tariff originating in Israel (1976)

Rapporteur: Mr G. KASPEREIT

PE 41.378/fin.



By letter of 16 June 1975 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 proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for apricot pulp falling within subheading ex 20.06 B II c) 1 aa) of the Common Customs Tariff originating in Israel (1976).

By letter of 1 July 1975 the President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on External Economic Relations as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Agriculture for its opinion.

At its meeting of 17 September 1975 the Committee on External Economic Relations appointed Mr Kaspereit rapporteur. At the same meeting, it considered this proposal for a regulation and unanimously adopted the motion for a resolution and accompanying explanatory statement.

The committee proposed that the report be presented in plenary sitting without debate.

Present: Mr Kaspereit, chairman and rapporteur; Mr Scott-Hopkins, Mr Bermani and Mr Boano, vice-chairmen; Mr Bayerl, Mr Bersani, Mr Brégère, Lord Castle, Mr De Clercq, Mr Dunne, Mr Dykes, Mr E. Muller, Mr Nyborg, Mr Radoux, Mr Schulz, Mr Spicer, Mr Thornley and Mr Vetrone.

The opinion of the Committee on Agriculture is 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 proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for apricot pulp falling within subheading ex 20.06 B II c) 1) aa) of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Israel (for 1976)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council¹,
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 156/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 265/75),
- approves the Commission's proposal.

¹ OJ No. C 137, 19.6.1975, p. 2

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

1. Article 10 of Protocol No. 1 to the Agreement between the EEC and Israel provides for the opening of an annual Community tariff quota for the import into the Community of 150 metric tons of apricot pulp, originating in Israel, falling within subheading ex 20.06 B II c) 1 aa) of the Common Customs Tariff.

The customs duties applicable within the limits of this quota are equal to 70% of the duties actually applied to non-member countries.

The tariff quota must be opened for the year 1976.

An identical regulation is already in force for the second half of 1975. The European Parliament delivered its opinion on this regulation on the basis of a report drawn up by Mr Kaspereit on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 95/75).

2. The Commission proposes, as is usual, dividing the quota volume into two tranches, the first of which is allocated by shares to the member states, while the second constitutes a reserve. It does not seem possible, in this case, to base the allocation of the first tranche on the rules generally applied, that is, to relate the total imports by each member state during the past three years to the Community imports over the same period and to apply for each member state the resulting percentages to the volume of the first tranche. As only one member state has regularly imported the products concerned and the other member states have imported them only occasionally if at all, the proposal provides for an allocation scale based on estimates put forward by some member states and on the need to allocate the quota volume fairly among the member states.

OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Letter from the chairman of the committee to
Mr KASPEREIT, chairman of the Committee on
External Economic Relations

Brussels, 23 September 1975

Dear Mr Chairman,

At its meeting of 16 and 17 September 1975, the Committee on Agriculture considered the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for apricot pulp falling within sub-heading ex 20.06 B II c) 1 aa) of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Israel (year 1976), on which it has been asked for its opinion, the Committee on External Economic Relations being the committee responsible.

The opening of this quota for Israel is provided for in Article 10 of Protocol No. 1 to the Agreement between the Community and Israel. This agreement fits naturally into the framework of the overall Mediterranean policy.

At the meeting of the Council of Ministers of Agriculture on 23 and 24 June 1975, the conditions previously imposed by certain Member States were withdrawn, after the Ministers had noted their agreement in principle to certain market organization measures governing agricultural concessions within the context of the overall Mediterranean policy.

These measures particularly concern the markets in processed fruit and vegetables, citrus fruits, out-of-season fruits and vegetables, and wine.

In the light of the above agreement, the Committee on Agriculture unanimously approves the opening of this tariff quota in implementation of the Agreement concluded with Israel.

Yours sincerely,

R. HOUDET

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Present:

Mr Houdet, chairman; Mr Vetrone and Mr Laban, vice-chairmen; Mr Bourdelles, Mr Frehsee, Mr Früh, Mr Kofoed, Mr De Koning, Mr Ligios, Mr Ney, Mr McDonald, Lord Walston and Mr Zeller.

