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831st meeting of the Council

- Agriculture -

Brussels, 8 and 9 March 1983

President: Mr Josef ERTL,
Federal Minister for Food,
Agriculture and Forestry of
the Federal Republic of Germany

The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER
State Secretary for
European Affairs and
Agriculture

Germany:

Mr Josef ERTL
Federal Minister for Food,
Agriculture and Forestry

Mr Hans-Jürgen ROHR
State Secretary,
Federal Ministry for Food,
Agriculture and Forestry

France:

Mrs Edith CRESSON
Minister for Agriculture

Italy:

Mr Calogero MANNINO
Minister for Agriculture

Mr Mario CAMPAGNOLI
State Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture

Netherlands:

Mr G. BRAKS
Minister for Agriculture and
Fisheries

Denmark:

Mr Niels Anker KOFOED
Minister for Agriculture

Mr H.J. KRISTENSEN
Permanent Secretary, Agriculture

Greece:

Mr Costas SIMITIS
Minister for Agriculture

Ireland:

Mr Austin DEASY
Minister for Agriculture

Luxembourg:

Mr Ernest MUHLEN
Minister for Agriculture,
Viticulture, Lakes, Rivers and
Forests

United Kingdom:

Mr Alick BUCHANAN-SMITH
Minister of State,
Ministry of Agriculture
Fisheries and Food

Commission:

Mr Lorenzo NATALI - Vice-President
Mr Poul DALSGER - Member

ADJUSTMENT OF THE "ACQUIS COMMUNAUTAIRE" FOR MEDITERRANEAN PRODUCTS
(FRUIT AND VEGETABLES - OLIVE OIL)

The Council continued its discussions on the adjustment of the existing provisions concerning fruit and vegetables and olive oil, with a view to Community enlargement.

As regards the fruit and vegetables sector, the Council in particular examined in more detail the internal aspects - the strengthening of producers' organizations, extension of constraints, the serious crisis on the wholesale markets, the limitation of intervention to products from the current marketing year, and certain external aspects. With regard to the olive oil sector, the Council considered in greater detail the problems of the measures which could be contemplated in order to amend or supplement the existing regulations as well as the financial and budgetary questions arising.

At the conclusion of its discussions, the Council noted that there were still differences of opinion on both fruit and vegetables and olive oil. It therefore agreed to submit to the European Council a report, to be finalized at the meeting scheduled for 14 and 15 March, on the outcome of the discussions it had held on the whole subject of the "acquis communautaire" and the various political and economic aspects they covered.

MANIOC

The Council signified its agreement on the substance of a proposal for a Regulation on the import system applicable to manioc from 1983 to 1986.

The purpose of this Regulation is to permit imports under a levy limited to a maximum of 6% ad valorem in compliance with the manioc agreements concluded by the Community with Thailand, Indonesia and Brazil, as well as for third countries benefiting from the most-favoured-nation clause.

It should be noted that as regards the products in question - manioc, arrowroot, salep and other similar roots and tubers with high starch content, excluding sweet potatoes, the import levy fixed at a maximum of 6% ad valorem in 1983 is limited to the following quantities per third country of origin:

- Indonesia 750 000 tonnes
- Brazil 132 355 tonnes
- China 370 000 tonnes

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- Thailand: the quantities arising from the EEC-Thailand Co-operation Agreement (5 500 000 tonnes).

In the light of existing commitments and on the basis of a proposal from the Commission, the Council will decide by a qualified majority on the quantities for 1984 to 1986.

Furthermore, the Regulation will enable yam imports to the United Kingdom to be continued.

MISCELLANEOUS STATEMENTS

The Council heard statements on the following matters:

- milk (amendment of the proposal on the intervention price) and butter (opening of export refunds) (Commission)
- sales of French alcohol in other Member States (United Kingdom, German and Irish delegations)
- EAGGF expenditure - Guarantee Section - in 1983 (United Kingdom delegation)
- extension of the list of certain establishments in Argentina authorized to export fresh meat to the Community (Italian delegation).

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Other Decision concerning agriculture

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation derogating from Article 21 of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 on the common organization of the market in fruit and vegetables.

Commercial policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities:

- the Decisions

- = concerning the extension of the temporary agreement on concerted disciplines between the European Economic Community and Spain concerning imports of cheese into Spain;
- = amending the Temporary Arrangement for a concerted discipline between Austria and the European Economic Community concerning reciprocal trade in cheese;

- the Regulations

- = imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of a certain type of sodium carbonate originating in the United States of America;
- = imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on kraftliner paper and board originating in the United States of America and accepting undertakings given in connection with the review of the anti-dumping proceeding on kraftliner paper and board originating in Austria, Canada, Finland, Portugal, the Soviet Union and Sweden.

ECSC

The Council gave its assent in accordance with Article 56(2)(a) of the ECSC Treaty concerning Smith Kendon Ltd., United Kingdom.

Appointments

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision appointing the members and alternate members of the Advisory Committee on the Training of Midwives, for a three-year term:

A. Experts from the practising profession

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Alternate member</u>
Belgium	Mrs Mimi MEES	Mrs Christiane DESCAMPS
Denmark	Mrs Tove SCHMIDT	Mrs Ella GJERMAN
Germany	Mrs Jutta KOBERG	Mrs Hidegard BING
Greece	Mrs Anna PAPAIOANNOU	Mrs Irini BENETAROU
France	Mrs Francine DAUPHIN	Mrs PASCAL
Ireland	Miss L. KELLY	Miss A. MULHALL
Italy	Mrs Lucia SASSI	Mrs Maria Grazia FAVA
Luxembourg	Mrs Joséph ROBINET-	Miss Denise ROCK
Netherlands	Mrs T.M. VOORWALD- SCHMITZ TAS	Mrs C.B. MASTBOOM-RINGELBERG
United Kingdom	Miss Ruth ASHTON	Miss M.M. TURNER

B. Experts from the institutions responsible for the training of midwives

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Alternate member</u>
Belgium	Mrs Madeleine LEDOQUE	Mrs Maria CATTEEUW
Denmark	Mrs Bente ZEBITZ	Mrs Marit BONES
Germany	Prof. Dr.Dr. H.C. Kurt SEMM	Mrs Elisabeth FRANK
Greece	Mrs Victoria ROZOU	Mrs Ekaterini TATAKI
France	Prof. David LEWIN	Mrs Marthe MOTTIN
Ireland	Miss A. MANAGHAN	Miss C. McCOMISH
Italy	Prof. Silvio BETTOCCHI	Mrs Amalia BUSATO
Luxembourg	Mrs Simone KERSCHEN- HOFFMAN	Miss Danielle SCHOL
Netherlands	Mr W. DUJARDIN	Mrs Mr. J. KLOMP
United Kingdom	Miss M. UPRICHARD	Mrs R. DAVIES

C. Experts from the competent authorities of the Member States

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Alternate member</u>
Belgium	Mrs Helga LAKIERE	Mr Jan BRUSSELEERS
Denmark	Mrs Kirsten BLINKENBERG	Mrs Ulla THORSTEINSSON
Germany	Mr Hermann KURTENBACH	Dr.med. Werner ERDMANN
Greece	Mrs Panayiota NICOLOPOULOU	Mrs Angueliki SIDIROPOULOU
France	Mrs Djemila SIMONOT	Dr. Pierre LABROUSSE
Ireland	Miss K. KEANE	Mrs H. BARLOW
Italy	Dr. Giuseppe MAZZOTTI	Dr Maria Luisa MARINO
Luxembourg	Miss Angie DASBOURG	Mr Guy BOSSELER
Netherlands	Mr R.M.A. KRUL	Mrs A. KUITEMS-TERHAAK
United Kingdom	Miss A.S. GRANT	Mrs D. JONES

Bruxelles, le 4.3.1982

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c.c. aux membres du groupe du Porte-Parole

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PREPARATION CONSEIL AGRICOLE DES 8-9 MARS (M. Vasey)

La session des 8 et 9 mars sera consacree essentiellement a la modification de l'acquis communautaire dans les secteurs des fruits et legumes et de l'huile d'olive (voir P-18). Le Conseil devra egalement approuver le regime d'importation pour le manioc.

A suivre

Amitiés

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Note BIO + (PE STRASBOURG)

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Bruxelles, le 9 mars 1983

Note BIO(83)113 (suite 1) aux Bureaux Nationaux
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CONSEIL AGRICOLE (M. Vasey)

Le Conseil a procede a deux tours de table sur les fruits et legumes d'une part, et l'huile d'olive, d'autre part.

Les delegations ont pour l'essentiel rappele avec force leurs positions bien connues. La Presidence allemande se prepare a soumettre au Conseil Europeen un rapport faisant etat des resultats des travaux du Conseil agricole, y compris les points de divergence. La deuxieme journee permettra de voir s'il sera possible d'operer un certain rapprochement des positions, ou du moins a mieux cerner les choix fondamentaux.

Le President Ertl a fait valoir que seul le Conseil Europeen pourra prendre la responsabilite politique d'accepter les consequences financieres de l'elargissement.

A suivre

Amities

M. SANTARELLI - COMEUR // // // //



Bruxelles, le 9 mars 1983

NOTE BIO (83) 113 (suite 2 et fin) AUX BUREAUX NATIONAUX
C.C. AUX MEMBRES DU GROUPE DU PORTE-PAROLE

CONSEIL AGRICOLE (Martin Vasey)

Acquis communautaire

Le Conseil a decide de presenter un bref rapport au Conseil Europeen sur l'etat des travaux concernant la modification de l'acquis communautaire en vue des negociations d'adhesion avec l'Espagne et le Portugal. Le rapport devrait etre formellement approuve par le Conseil agricole lors de sa reunion des 14 et 15 mars, qui sera consacree essentiellement au paquet prix.

La situation se presente schematiquement comme suit :

- Fruits et legumes

Sur le plan interne, la question est de savoir si les propositions de la Commission relatives a l'extension des disciplines des organisations de producteurs, aux producteurs non-membres et a l'intervention sur les marches de gros, pourraient etre acceptees, moyennant des garanties appropriees de nature a rencontrer les reserves exprimees par plusieurs delegations. Sur le plan externe, la question est de savoir si le Conseil pourrait accepter un renforcement du regime des prix de reference (voir P-19).

- Huile d'olive

Il y a deux questions que le Conseil agricole ne peut pas regler a lui seul, a savoir les mesures a prendre, compte tenu des charges financieres supplementaires entrainees par l'elargissement ainsi que la duree de la periode transitoire pour les huiles vegetales en general. En plus il reste un desaccord au sein du Conseil agricole concernant le systeme des aides aux producteurs d'huile d'olive.

Je vous rappelle que la Commission n'a fait aucune proposition jusqu'a present concernant l'introduction soit d'un systeme d'aides forfaitaires aux producteurs d'huile d'olive soit d'une taxe sur les huiles vegetales. Son souci essentiel est de faciliter les negociations avec l'Espagne et le Portugal, sur le volet agricole, actuellement bloquees par l'absence d'accord sur la modification de l'acquis communautaire.

- Manioc

Le Conseil a formellement adopte le nouveau regime d'importation du manioc. Il s'agit de mettre en oeuvre les accords conclus avec la Thaïlande et l'Indonesie concernant la limitation des importations de ce produit.

Points divers

Alcool

La Commission a annonce qu'elle vient d'ouvrir la procedure d'infraction en adressant une mise en demeure au gouvernement francais concernant les prix appliques en matiere de ventes d'alcool d'origine agricole. Les ventes francaises d'alcool a bas prix provoquent des plaintes de la part de plusieurs Etats membres depuis l'automne dernier (R.F.A., Royaume-Uni, Pays-Bas et Irlande).

Beurre

La Commission a annonce son intention de modifier le regime d'exportation du beurre vers l'URSS, en prevoyant la prefixation moyennant un delai de reflexion de 5 jours. Les delegations allemande et britannique ont regrette cette decision, tout en reconnaissant qu'elle releve de la competence de la Commission (le reglement d'application sera soumis au Comite de Gestion jeudi). M. Dalsager a fait valoir qu'il n'y a aucune raison de faire une distinction entre le regime de restitutions pour les exportations de beurre vers l'URSS et celui applique aux autres produits.

ATTENTION DIS : La delegation francaise a indique qu'elle leverait sa reserve sur les importations de beurre en provenance de Nouvelle-Zelande, pour autant que les conditions fixees pour l'exportation de beurre a l'URSS soient operationnelles. FIN DIS

Amities,
M. SANTARELLI COMEUR 19.20