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on the proposal from the Commission of the
European Communities to the Council (Doc. 256/78)
for a regulation extending the period of validity
of Regulation (EEC) No. 2862/77 on levies applicable
to imports of certain adult bovine animals and
beef from Yugoslavia

Rapporteur : Mr G. AMADEI

By letter of 16 August 1978 the President of the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament to deliver an opinion on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation extending the period of validity of Regulation (EEC) No. 2862/77 on levies applicable to imports of certain adult bovine animals and beef from Yugoslavia.

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 Budgets and the Committee on Agriculture for their opinions.

On 12 September 1978 the Committee on External Economic Relations appointed Mr Amadei rapporteur.

It considered this proposal at its meeting of 12 September 1978 and unanimously adopted the motion for a resolution and the explanatory statement.

Present : Mr Martinelli, vice-chairman and acting chairman; Lord Castle, deputy rapporteur ; Mr van Aerssen, Mr Baas, Mr De Clercq, Mr Inchauspé, Mr Radoux, Mr Tolman and Mr Vandewiele.

The opinions of the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Agriculture 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 proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation extending the period of validity of Regulation (EEC) No. 2862/77 on levies applicable to imports of certain adult bovine animals and beef from Yugoslavia

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 EEC Treaty (Doc. 256 /78),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations, and the opinions of the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 302/78),

approves the Commission's proposal.

¹ OJ No. C 183 of 1.8.1978, p. 3

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

1. In compliance with the spirit of the joint Belgrade declaration of 2 December 1976, the Council adopted on 19 December 1977 a special arrangement for imports of certain adult bovine animals and beef from Yugoslavia¹.
2. Under this arrangement the levies applicable to imports of certain adult bovine animals and beef from Yugoslavia were reduced in relation to those laid down by the regulation on the common organization of the market in beef and veal².
3. Pending a new agreement between the Community and Yugoslavia, the arrangement was to have remained in force until 31 August 1978. The European Parliament gave its approval on 16 December 1977³.
4. Since it is not expected that the new agreement between the Community and Yugoslavia will be concluded before the end of 1978, and since also the reasons for introducing this arrangement continue to apply, the arrangement has to be extended until 31 December 1978. That is the purpose of the present regulation.
5. The Committee on External Economic Relations gives its unqualified approval to the present proposal for a regulation which merely extends the arrangement mentioned above.

¹Council Regulation (EEC) No. 2862/77 - OJ No. L 330, 23.12.1977, p.9

²Council Regulation (EEC) No. 425/77 - OJ No. L 61, 5.3.1977

³OJ No. C 6, 9.1.1978; Martinelli Report (Doc. 414/77)

OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGETS

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

Luxembourg, 12 September 1978

Subject : Proposal for a Council regulation extending the period of validity of Regulation (EEC) No. 2862/77 on levies applicable to imports of certain adult bovine animals and beef from Yugoslavia

Dear Mr Chairman,

At its meeting of 11 September 1978 the Committee on Budgets considered the above proposal for a regulation.

The Commission proposal relates to special arrangements adopted by the Council on 19.12.1977 for the import of certain adult bovine animals and beef from Yugoslavia, on the basis of the trade agreement between the European Economic Community and Yugoslavia¹. Parliament approved the arrangements at the time.

As the special arrangements expired on 31.8.1978, and as a new agreement between the Community and Yugoslavia will not be concluded before the end of the year, the measure which provides for a 70% suspension of levies on the import of bovine animals and beef, is to be extended until 31.12.1978. The Commission estimates the loss of revenue at a maximum of 1.2 million EUA.

In view of the favourable opinions delivered on the previous occasion by the Committee on Budgets and Parliament, the Committee on Budgets is able to approve this transitional measure.

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(sgd.) Erwin LANGE

Present : Mr Lange, chairman; Mr Aigner, vice-chairman, Mr Shaw, rapporteur; Lord Bruce of Donington, Mr Dalyell, Mr Hamilton, Mr Notenboom, Mr Ripamonti and Mr Spinelli.

¹ OJ No. L 224 of 18.3.1973

OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Draftsman of the opinion : Mr J. SCOTT-HOPKINS

The Committee on Agriculture appointed Mr J. Scott-Hopkins draftsman of the opinion.

The committee considered the draft opinion at its meeting of 12 September 1978 and adopted it unanimously.

Present : Mr Liogier, vice-chairman and acting chairman; Mr Scott-Hopkins, draftsman of the opinion; Mr Albertini, Mr Brugger, Mr Dewulf, Mr Früh, Mr Hansen, Mr Halvgaard (deputizing for Mr Herbert), Mr Klinker, Mr Pisoni, Mr Pucci, Mr Tolman and Mr Vitale.

1. Article V of the Trade Agreement concluded in 1973 between the European Economic Community and the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia¹ provides for a reduction, under certain market conditions, of the amount of the levy applicable to imports of certain adult bovine animals and beef originating in Yugoslavia.

2. In the spirit of this Agreement, the Council, in December 1977, adopted a special unilateral arrangement in favour of that country². This arrangement was to have expired on 31 August 1978 since a new agreement defining the new relations between the EEC and Yugoslavia was due to enter into force on 1 September 1978.

3. However, since a new agreement cannot be concluded in time between the two parties concerned, the 1973 Agreement has been extended by tacit consent under Article IX until the entry into force of the new agreement which is likely to take place before the end of 1978.

4. So as not to interrupt trade with Yugoslavia, the Commission proposes to extend the special unilateral arrangement to 31 December 1978. Implementation of this regulation is likely to entail a loss of revenue of 1.2m EUA.

5. The Committee on Agriculture draws the attention of the committee responsible to the necessity of carrying out rigorous health checks on these adult bovine animals or beef on their entry into Community territory to prevent the spread of infectious diseases among Community livestock herds.

With this reservation, the Committee on Agriculture approves the Commission's proposal.

¹ OJ No. L 224, 13.8.1973, page 1

² cf. Regulation (EEC) No. 2862/77; OJ No. L 330, 23.12.1977, page 9

