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## Report

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture

**on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 1-313/79) for a regulation amending Regulation No 1418/76 on the common organization of the market in rice**

**Rapporteur: Mr A. COLLESELLI**

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By letter of 13 September 1979 the President of the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament to deliver an opinion, pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 1-313/79) for a Council Regulation (EEC) amending Regulation No. 1418/76 on the common organization of the market in rice.

The President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on Agriculture as the committee responsible.

On 26 September 1979 the Committee on Agriculture appointed Mr COLLESELLI rapporteur.

It considered the draft report at its meeting of 10-11 October 1979 and unanimously adopted the motion for a resolution and explanatory statement.

Present: Mr Ligios, acting chairman; Mr Colleselli, rapporteur; Mr Abens (deputizing for Mr Hauenschild), Mrs Barbarella, Mr Battersby, Mr Blaney (deputizing for Mr Skormend), Mr Bocklet, Mr Buchou, Mrs Castle, Mr Clinton, Mrs Cresson, Mr Curry, Mr Dalsass, Mr Davern, Mr Delatte, Mr De Pasquale (deputizing for Mr Papapietro), Mr Diana, Mr Früh, Mr Gatto, Mr Hamiliou (deputizing for Mr Jürgens), Mr Helms, Mrs Herklotz, Mr Howell, Mr Kavanagh (deputizing for Mr Lynge) Mr Kirk, Mr Maffre-Baugé, Mr Maher, Mrs Martin (deputizing for Mrs Caillavet) Mr Brøndlund Nielsen, Mr d'Ormesson (deputizing for Mr Debatisse) Mr Pranchere, Mr Provan, Miss Quin, Mr Sutra, Mr Tolman, Mr Vernimmen, Mr Woltjer.

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The Committee on Agriculture 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 amending Regulation 1418/76 on the common organization of the market in rice

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council,<sup>1</sup>
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 1-313/79),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc.1-397/79);

Approves the Commission's proposal.

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<sup>1</sup>OJ No. C 216 of 29.8.1979, p.4

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

1. The proposal from the Commission is a technical consequence of a previous proposal contained in Doc. 1-278/79 (COM(79) 443 def) of 23 August 1979.

In that document provision was made for the granting of Community aid for rice for sowing. Consequently it is necessary to exclude this product from the Regulation on the common organization of the market in rice (Regulation 1418/76) and to include it in the Regulation governing the market in seeds (Regulation 2358/71).

This is the aim of this formal proposal.

2. The other amendments to the basic Regulation on rice proposed in this Commission document are also technical in nature and of minor importance:

- (a) the intervention centres for rice are no longer to be fixed annually as experience has shown that changes in centres are fairly rare. The decision to make changes will be taken directly by the Management Committee for Cereals as and when they become necessary.
- (b) the power of the Council to prohibit the use of inward processing arrangements<sup>1</sup> for some of the products listed in Article 1(1)(c) of Regulation 1418/76 (i.e. the following rice products : rice flour, rice groats and meal, flaked rice, rice pellets and rice starch) is now extended to all products listed in Article 1 (paddy rice, husked rice etc.) in order to prevent disturbances on the market in rice;
- (c) following the amendment of the Common Customs Tariff headings for rice, Article 11a of basic Regulation 1418/76 has also been amended.

3. The Committee on Agriculture has already delivered a favourable opinion on the above proposal, on the basis of the report by Mr DALSAES (Doc.1-396/79). The various technical amendments resulting from it should therefore be approved.

<sup>1</sup> By inward processing arrangements is meant the temporary importation of a product into the Community in order to process it and then re-export it.