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1078th meeting of the Council
- Internal Market/Consumer Protection -
Brussels, 6 May 1986

Presidents: Mr W.F. van EEKELEN,
 State Secretary,
 Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
 and
 Mr P.H. van ZEIL
 State Secretary,
 Ministry of Economic Affairs
 of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

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

Belgium:

Mr Philippe MAYSTADT Minister for Economic Affairs
Mr Paul DE KEERSMAEKER State Secretary for European
 Affairs and Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Nils WILHJELM Minister for Industry

Germany:

Mr Otto SCHLECHT State Secretary,
 Federal Ministry of Economic
 Affairs

Greece:

Mr Elias LYMBEROPOULOS Deputy Permanent Representative

Spain:

Mr Pedro SOLBES MIRA State Secretary for the European
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Mr Claude MARTIN Deputy Permanent Representative

Ireland:

Mr Michael NOONAN Minister for Industry and
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Italy:

Mr Paolo GALLI Deputy Permanent Representative

Luxembourg:

Mr Robert GOEBBELS State Secretary,
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Mr P.H. van ZEIL

State Secretary,
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Portugal:

Mr Victor MARTINS

State Secretary
for European Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr Alan CLARK

Minister for Trade

Mr Michael HOWARD

State Secretary,
Ministry of Industry and Commerce

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Commission:

Lord COCKFIELD

Vice-President

Mr Grigoris VARFIS

Member

I N T E R N A L M A R K E T

PROGRESS OF PROCEEDINGS ON THE WHITE PAPER

The Council summed up progress in completing the Internal Market. It noted in this connection that the Commission intended in the near future to submit a detailed report on what had been achieved and on future work in this area.

The President indicated the priority matters for discussion by the Internal Market Council before the end of the Netherlands Presidency. It was also made clear that the "rolling programme" for the Netherlands, United Kingdom and Belgian Presidencies would be drawn up before the end of June.

DIRECTIVE ON NOISE EMITTED BY EXCAVATORS

The Council noted that it had not been possible to reach agreement on this Directive owing to a reservation from the Danish delegation, and that the matter was therefore still pending.

ABOLITION OF CERTAIN POSTAL CHARGES FOR CUSTOMS PRESENTATION

The Council, with the agreement of one delegation subject to confirmation, approved the Regulation on the abolition of certain postal fees for customs presentation.

TELEVISION WITHOUT FRONTIERS

The Council heard the Commission representative introduce a proposal for a Directive on the co-ordination of certain laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States concerning broadcasting activities. The aim of this Directive, as indicated in the 1984 Green Paper, is to create a market at Community level for the production and distribution of television programmes.

SIMPLIFICATION OF BORDER CONTROLS

The Council continued its examination of the proposals for a Directive and a Resolution on the gradual abolition of controls and formalities at borders. It noted that there were still difficulties owing to differing views on the scope of the Directive. However, points were made which could lead to a solution.

Following the discussion, the Council requested the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue discussion of this matter and report back at its next meeting.

RIGHT OF RESIDENCE

The Council continued its discussion of the proposal for a Council Directive on a right of residence for nationals of Member States in the territory of another Member State. On the basis of a compromise from the Presidency, the Council concentrated on two questions: the limited territorial scope of the Directive and the conditions for granting right of residence and the personal resources required in the case of students.

Following the discussion, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue examination of this matter on the basis of the Presidency's compromise and in the light of today's discussion.

C O N S U M E R P R O T E C T I O N

A NEW IMPETUS FOR CONSUMER POLICY

In the light of the communication forwarded by the Commission on 4 August 1985, which is entitled "A new impetus for consumer protection policy" and contains new guidelines for consumer policy over the next few years, the Council recorded its agreement to a Resolution whereby it:

WELCOMES the submission of the Commission communication, its analysis of the main problems encountered in the past, and its presentation of the foundations and the objectives of the "New Impetus" programme, notably those concerned with providing consumers with a high level of safety and health protection and an increased ability to benefit from the Community market, both of which will constitute important steps on the road to a "People's Europe";

APPROVES the objective of taking greater account of consumers' interests in other Community policies, especially those concerned with completion of the internal market, in particular regarding improvements to the quality of products and services, and with agriculture, competition and transport, and invites the Commission to report to the Council on how it intends to achieve this objective;

INVITES the Commission, having regard to the work programme contained in its communication, to draw up and submit proposals, in order to enable the Council, where appropriate, to take decisions in due time and to take any necessary action within the period envisaged for the completion of the internal market;

CONSIDERS that, to that end and within the overall Community consumer policy objectives, proposals for legislation should focus on those areas where there is a Community dimension. Where there is a need for harmonization at Community-wide level, proposals for such harmonization should be identified with the spirit of the "New Approach" set out in the Council Resolution of 7 May 1985;

RECALLING the conclusions of the European Council of December 1985, underlines the importance of promoting alternative approaches to regulations whenever they offer effective means of significant progress;

ENDORSES the value of consumer education and information in protecting consumers' interests and enabling them to derive maximum benefit from the completion of the internal market;

NOTES that the Commission intends to ensure wide consultation of appropriate interests, particularly at the preparatory stage of its proposals.

INDICATION OF PRICES

- non-food products
- foodstuffs

The Council resumed examination of two proposals for Directives, one on the indication of the selling price and the unit price for non-food products and the other on the indication of prices of foodstuffs.

Most of the delegations agreed to continue discussions on the basis of the new compromise proposals submitted by the Commission, which particularly concern rules for exemption from the obligation to indicate the unit price for ranges of standardized products. Certain delegations did, however, stress the need to ensure that only ranges of products complying with the criteria of clarity and simplicity could be exempted from that obligation.

In conclusion, the Permanent Representatives Committee was requested to continue its discussion on the basis of the guidelines worked out by the Council.

CONSUMER CREDIT

The Council examined the priority provisions involved in the proposal for a Directive relating to the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning consumer credit.

Those provisions concern the effective annual rate of interest, the scope of the Directive and in particular any exclusions to be laid down, the conditions in which the right to repossession of goods may be exercised, the use of negotiable instruments and the joint liability of the supplier and creditor.

The Council requested the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its discussion in the light of the comments made with a view to reaching agreement, if possible on the whole draft Directive, at its next meeting planned for 24 June 1986.

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FISHING FOR TUNA IN THE WATERS OF SPAIN AND PORTUGAL

The Council adopted, by a qualified majority, two Regulations:

- fixing the number of vessels flying the flag of Portugal authorized to fish for albacore tuna in waters under the sovereignty or jurisdiction of Spain;
- fixing the number of vessels flying the flag of Spain authorized to fish for albacore tuna in waters under the sovereignty or jurisdiction of Portugal.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Agriculture

Following the political agreement reached on 25 April 1986 in Luxembourg on the fixing of agricultural prices for the 1986/1987 marketing year, and on the adjustments to be made to the common organization of certain markets, the Council formally adopted - in certain cases by a qualified majority - the following Regulations concerning the various sectors:

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1883/78 laying down general rules for the financing of intervention by the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, Guarantee Section
- on the fixing of prices for agricultural products and certain related measures as regards milk and milk products, beef and veal, dried fodder and fruit and vegetables

Milk and milk products

- = amending Regulation (EEC) No 804/68 on the common organization of the market in milk and milk products
- = fixing compensation for the definitive discontinuation of milk production
- = fixing the target price for milk and the intervention prices for butter, skimmed-milk powder and Grana Padano and Parmigiano Reggiano cheeses for the 1986/1987 milk year
- = amending Regulation (EEC) No 1079/77 in respect of the co-responsibility levy on milk and milk products
- = fixing the threshold prices for certain milk products for the 1986/1987 milk year
- = establishing, for the period from 1 April 1986 to 31 March 1987, the Community reserve for the application of the levy referred to in Article 5c of Regulation (EEC) No 804/68 in the milk and milk products sector
- = on the transfer to the Italian intervention agency of butter held by the intervention agencies of other Member States

- = amending Regulation (EEC) No 866/84 laying down special measures concerning the exclusion of milk products from inward processing arrangements and certain usual forms of handling
- = amending Regulation (EEC) No 857/84 adopting general rules for the application of the levy referred to in Article 5c of Regulation (EEC) No 804/68 in the milk and milk products sector
- = amending Regulation (EEC) No 876/68 as regards the fixing of export refunds on certain milk products by tender

Beef and veal

- = fixing the guide price and the intervention price for adult bovine animals for the 1986/1987 marketing year
- = on the granting of a calf birth premium in Greece, Ireland, Italy and Northern Ireland and on the granting of an additional national premium in Italy
- = on the granting of a premium for the slaughter of certain adult bovine animals in the United Kingdom
- = amending Regulation (EEC) No 1199/82 on the granting of an additional premium for maintaining suckler cows in Ireland and Northern Ireland

Dried fodder

- = amending Regulation (EEC) No 1117/78 on the common organization of the market in dried fodder
- = fixing the flat-rate production aid and the guide price for dried fodder for the 1986/1987 marketing year

Fruit and vegetables

- = amending Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 on the common organization of the market in fruit and vegetables
- = fixing for the 1986/1987 marketing year certain prices and other amounts applicable in the fruit and vegetables sector
- = amending Regulation (EEC) No 1035/77 laying down special measures to encourage the marketing of products processed from lemons

The Council also adopted Regulations in the official languages of the Communities

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 5841/84 introducing a system of guarantee thresholds for certain processed fruit and vegetable products
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1678/85 fixing the conversion rates to be applied in agriculture.

Finally, the Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities,

- a Directive amending Directive 79/112/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the labelling, presentation and advertising of foodstuffs for sale to the ultimate consumer
- Regulations:
 - = amending Regulation (EEC) No 355/79 laying down general rules for the description and presentation of wines and grape musts
 - = laying down rules for the description of special wines with regard to the indication of alcoholic strength
 - = amending Regulation (EEC) No 3309/85 laying down general rules for the description and presentation of sparkling wines and aerated sparkling wines
 - = introducing a common measure for the encouragement of agriculture by improving the rearing of beef cattle in certain less-favoured areas of France (*)
 - = introducing a common action for the encouragement of agriculture in certain less-favoured areas of Northern Italy (*)
 - = introducing a common action for the encouragement of agriculture in the Scottish islands off the Northern and Western coasts with the exception of the Western Isles (Outer Hebrides) (*)

(*) See Press release 5120/86 (Presse 21) of 24/25.II.86

Customs union

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities,

- a Decision concerning the accession of the European Economic Community to the Agreement on the temporary importation, free of duty, of medical, surgical and laboratory equipment for use on free loan in hospitals and other medical institutions for purposes of diagnosis or treatment
- Regulations
 - = amending Regulations (EEC) No 3542/85, No 3543/85 and No 3544/85 on the opening, allocation and administration of contractual Community tariff quotas for certain fish and fillets of fish
 - = opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for certain cod and fillets of cod falling within subheadings ex 03.02 A I b) and 03.02 A II a) of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in Norway.

Fisheries

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, a Decision on the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters concerning an extension of the Protocol annexed to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Republic of Guinea Bissau on fishing off the coast of Guinea Bissau for a period of three months from 15 March 1986.

ECSC

The Council gave its assent

- to a memorandum from the Commission on the implementation and execution of an iron and steel research programme, with a view to obtaining financial aid under Article 55(2)(c) of the ECSC Treaty;
- under Article 55(2)(c) of the ECSC Treaty to the implementation and execution of a coal research programme (financial year 1986).

Appointment

The Council adopted a Decision appointing Mr RYAN as a Member of the Court of Auditors to replace Mr MURPHY, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which expires on 17 October 1987.

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NOTE BIO

BRUXELLES, LE 5 MAI 1986
NOTE BIO(86) 123 AUX BUREAUX NATIONAUX
C.C. AUX MEMBRES DU SERVICE DU PORTE-PAROLE

CONSEIL MARCHE INTERIEUR/CONSOMMATEURS DU 6 MAI 1986
(E. REUTER/C. STATHOPOULOS)

LE CONSEIL SE REUNIRA LE 6 MAI A BRUXELLES AVEC UN PROGRAMME EN TROIS VOLETS : MARCHE INTERIEUR LE MATIN, PROTECTION DES CONSOMMATEURS L'APRES-MIDI, RENCONTRE AVEC LES MEMBRES DU PARLEMENT EUROPEEN ENTRE LES DEUX.

IL Y A LIEU DE RAPPELER QUE LE CONSEIL NE S'EST PLUS REUNI DEPUIS LE 18 MARS, REUNION AU COURS DE LAQUELLE ON AVAIT CONSTATE DES PROGRES DECISIFS SUR UN CERTAIN NOMBRE DE DOSSIERS QUI AVAIENT FAIT LA NAVETTE ENTRE LES MINISTRES ET LE COREPER DEPUIS DE LONGS MOIS. IL S'AGISSAIT NOTAMMENT DES DIRECTIVES CONCERNANT LES TRACTEURS, LES ENGINS DE CHANTIER, LES MANOMETRES, LES INSTRUMENTS DE MESURAGE ET LE BRUIT DES PELLES HYDRAULIQUES. LE CONSEIL DE DEMAIN DEVRAIT PERMETTRE LA FORMALISATION DES SOLUTIONS TROUVEES POUR CES DOSSIERS. CELLE-CI SE SITUERA DANS LE CONTEXTE DU PREMIER POINT DE L'ORDRE DU JOUR CONCERNANT L'ETAT DES TRAVAUX RELATIF A LA MISE EN OEUVRE DU LIVRE BLANC SUR LE MARCHE INTERIEUR. LE CONSEIL PRENDRA CONNAISSANCE DES RAPPORTS PRESENTES PAR LORD COCKFIELD ET LA PRESIDENCE. LORD COCKFIELD SOULIGNERA LA NECESSITE DE MAINTENIR L'ELAN EN VUE DE POUVOIR TENIR LE CALENDRIER ET L'OBJECTIF 1992.

DANS LE CADRE DE CETTE DISCUSSION LE CONSEIL EXAMINERA EGALEMENT CINQ PROPOSITIONS DE DIRECTIVES RELATIVES A LA FABRICATION ET LA COMMERCIALISATION DE MEDICAMENTS DE HAUTE TECHNOLOGIE, NOTAMMENT CEUX DERIVES DE LA BIOTECHNOLOGIE. LA COMMISSION AVAIT FAIT DES PROPOSITIONS EN 1984 ET LE PARLEMENT VIENT DE DONNER SON AVIS. IL SEMBLE QUE LA PLUPART DES ETATS MEMBRES SOIENT ACQUIS AU PRINCIPE DE CES DIRECTIVES. LE DANEMARK

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ET LA REPUBLIQUE FEDERALE ONT CEPENDANT DES RESERVES EN CE QUI CONCERNE LE COMITE CONSULTATIF PREVU DANS LE DISPOSITIF D'APPLICATION. CETTE POSITION TRADUIT LE SOUCI DE RESERVER LE DERNIER MOT EN MATIERE DE SANTE PUBLIQUE A L'AUTORITE NATIONALE.

LE CONSEIL SERA ENSUITE SAISI DE LA DIRECTIVE SUR LE BRUIT DES PELLES HYDRAULIQUES. LES DANOIS ET LES ITALIENS ONT ENCORE DES DIFFERENCES QUANT AU NIVEAU DE EMISSIONS SONORES ACCEPTABLES. ON ESPERE QU'EN REUNION LES MINISTRES POURRONT ACCEPTER UNE FORMULE DE COMPROMIS PROPOSEE PAR LA PRESIDENCE.

UNE SITUATION SIMILAIRE EXISTE EN CE QUI CONCERNE L'ABOLITION DES DROITS POSTAUX POUR LA PRESENTATION EN DOUANE DE PETITS COLIS. ICI LA PRESIDENCE DEVRA CONVAINCRE LES MINISTRES GREC ET ITALIEN DE LEVER LEUR RESERVE.

LE TROISIEME POINT A L'ORDRE DU JOUR CONCERNE LA TELEVISION SANS FRONTIERES. LORD COCKFIELD PRESENTERA LES PROPOSITIONS ADOPTEES PAR LA COMMISSION LE 19 MARS ET VISANT A CREER DANS LA COMMUNAUTE UN VRAI MARCHÉ INTERIEUR DES SERVICES AUDIO-VISUELS (VOIR P- 26 DU MOIS DE MARS 1986).

LE QUATRIEME POINT A L'ORDRE DU JOUR CONCERNE LA PROPOSITION DES DIRECTIVES RELATIVES A L'ABOLITION DES FORMALITES APPLICABLES AUX RESSORTISSANTS DES ETATS MEMBRES LORS DU PASSAGE DES FRONTIERES DE LA COMMUNAUTE. LA DIRECTIVE DANS SA FORME ACTUELLE QUI EST TRES EN RETRAIT PAR RAPPORT AUX ESPOIRS SUSCITES PAR FONTAINEBLEAU POSE TOUJOURS UN PROBLEME EN RAISON DE L'INTERACTION DE L'UNION NORDIQUE DES PASSEPORTS ET L'ARRANGEMENT COMMUNAUTAIRE. LA DISCUSSION PORTERA EGALEMENT SUR LES MODALITES DE COOPERATION ENTRE AUTORITES DE POLICE ET DE DOUANE NATIONALES POUR L'APPLICATION DE LA DIRECTIVE.

ENFIN, LE CONSEIL REVIENDRA SUR LA DIRECTIVE RELATIVE AU DROIT DE RESIDENCE DES RESSORTISSANTS DES ETATS MEMBRES SUR LE TERRITOIRE DES AUTRES ETATS MEMBRES. LA PROPOSITION VISE A ETENDRE LE DROIT A LA LIBRE CIRCULATION ET AU SEJOUR QUE LE TRAITE ACCORDE AUX TRAVAILLEURS, AUX PROFESSIONS LIBERALES ET AUX PRESTATAIRES DE SERVICE AUX NON-PRODUCTEURS (RETRAITES ET AUSSI DEPUIS L'ARRET DE LA COUR DANS L'AFFAIRE GRAVIER AUX ETUDIANTS). - LES PROBLEMES EN SUSPENS CONCERNENT LA POSSIBILITE D'EXCLUSIONS TERRITORIALES POUR LA GRECE AINSI QUE DES PREOCCUPATIONS RELATIVES A L'ABSENCE POSSIBLE DE RESSOURCES DES CATEGORIES BENEFICIAIRES (PRISE EN CHARGE DES COUTS MEDICAUX POUR LES RETRAITES ET PROBLEME GENERAL POUR LES ETUDIANTS).

EN CE QUI CONCERNE LA PROTECTION DES CONSOMMATEURS, LES POINTS INSCRITS A L'ORDRE DU JOUR SONT LES SUIVANTS :

- A) NOUVELLE IMPULSION POUR LA POLITIQUE DE PROTECTION DES CONSOMMATEURS

LA COMMISSION A PRESENTE AU CONSEIL LE 4 AOUT 1985 UNE COMMUNICATION VISANT A DONNER UNE NOUVELLE IMPULSION A LA POLITIQUE DE PROTECTION DES CONSOMMATEURS (VOIR P-51 DE JUIN 1985). LE CONSEIL A PROCÉDÉ A UN PREMIER ECHANGE DE VUES LORS DE SA REUNION DU 12 DECEMBRE 1985 (VOIR BIO(85) 407 SUITE 2). A CETTE OCCASION, PLUSIEURS DELEGATIONS AVAIENT EXPRIME LE SOUHAIT DE POUVOIR DISCUTER A CE SUJET D'UNE MANIERE PLUS

APPROFONDIE LORS D'UNE PROCHAINE SESSION DU CONSEIL. DANS LE CADRE DE LA PREPARATION DE CETTE DISCUSSION, LA COMMISSION A TRANSMIS AU CONSEIL UN PROJET DE RESOLUTION QUI ENTRE AUTRE :

- ACCUEILLE AVEC INTERET LES OBJECTIFS DU PROGRAMME DE LA 'NOUVELLE IMPULSION'.,
- APPROUVE L'OBJECTIF VISANT A MIEUX TENIR COMPTE DES INTERETS DES CONSOMMATEURS DANS LES AUTRES POLITIQUES COMMUNAUTAIRES, PARTICULIEREMENT EN CE QUI CONCERNE L'ACHEVEMENT DU MARCHÉ ET NOTAMMENT EN MATIERE D'AMELIORATION DE LA QUALITE DES PRODUITS ET DES SERVICES, LA POLITIQUE AGRICOLE, LA CONCURRENCE ET LES TRANSPORTS.,
- INVITE LA COMMISSION, COMPTE TENU DU PROGRAMME DE TRAVAIL CONTENU DANS SA COMMUNICATION, A ELABORER ET TRANSMETTRE DES PROPOSITIONS AFIN DE PERMETTRE AU CONSEIL DE STATUER EN TEMPS UTILE.

UNE RESERVE GRECQUE QUI EST MAINTENUE ACTUELLEMENT DEVRAIT ETRE LEVEE DEMAIN ET LE CONSEIL POURRAIT AINSI ADOPTER CE PROJET DE RESOLUTION.

B) CREDIT A LA CONSOMMATION

CETTE PROPOSITION DE DIRECTIVE, DONT L'OBJET EST DE FOURNIR UN MODELE DE REGLES COUVRANT L'ENSEMBLE DU CREDIT A LA CONSOMMATION CONSTITUE UNE MODIFICATION EN 1984 A LA SUITE DE L'AVIS DU PARLEMENT EUROPEEN, D'UNE PROPOSITION INITIALE DE 1979 (COM(79) 69).

LORS DE L'EXAMEN DE CETTE QUESTION AU COREPER DES PROGRES ONT ETE ENREGISTRES SUR LES PRINCIPALES QUESTIONS RESTEES EN SUSPENS:

- CHAMP D'APPLICATION DE LA DIRECTIVE ETHEXCLUSIONS : LA COMMISSION SOUHAITE QUE TOUS LES TYPES DE CREDITS - A L'EXCEPTION DE CEUX VISES A L'ART. 2 - SOIENT ENGLOBES., PAR AILLEURS, UN CONSENSUS EXISTE POUR EN EXCLURE LES CARTES DE PAIEMENTS ('CHARGE CARDS').

- INDICATION ET CALCUL DU TAUX ANNUEL EFFECTIF GLOBAL : L'OBLIGATION D'INDIQUER CE TAUX PERMETTRA EGALEMENT, EN TANT QU'ALTERNATIVE, D'INDIQUER LE COUT DU CREDIT (SYSTEME EXISTANT AU DANEMARK).

- UTILISATION D'INSTRUMENTS NEGOCIABLES POUR FOURNIR LE CREDIT.

- RESPONSABILITE CONJOINTE.

LA DISCUSSION SE CONCENTRERA SUR UN RAPPORT DE LA PRESIDENCE SUR L'ETAT DES TRAVAUX ACTUELS.

C) INDICATION DES PRIX DES PRODUITS

UNE DIRECTIVE A ETE ADOPTEE EN 1979 EN MATIERE D'INDICATION DES DENREES ALIMENTAIRES. IL S'AGIT MAINTENANT DE :

- COMPLETER LA DIRECTIVE EN CE QUI CONCERNE LES MODALITES DE L'INDICATION DU PRIX A L'UNITE DE MESURES PARTICULIEREMENT EN CE QUI CONCERNE LES PRODUITS PRE-EMBALLÉS EN QUANTITES PREESTABLIES (GAMMES DE QUANTITES).,

- PRESENTER UNE DIRECTIVE SUR L'INDICATION DES PRIX DES PRODUITS NON ALIMENTAIRES.

LA COMMISSION A TRANSMIS FIN 1983 DEUX PROPOSITIONS DE DIRECTIVES SUR CES DEUX ASPECTS.

UNE DISCUSSION DE PRINCIPE AURA LIEU DEMAIN SUR LES QUESTIONS SUIVANTES :

-EN VUE DE MIEUX PROTEGER LES INTERETS DES CONSOMMATEURS, CONVIENT-TIL DE METTRE EN PLACE UN MAXIMUM DE GAMMES COMMUNAUTAIRES EN LES EXEMPTANT DE L'OBLIGATION D'INDIQUER LE PRIX A L'UNITE ?

- LES GAMMES COMMUNAUTAIRES DOIVENT-ELLES AVOIR UN CARACTERE EXCLUSIF OU PEUVENT-ELLES CO-EXISTER AVEC LES GAMMES NATIONALES ?

- LES GAMMES NATIONALES DEVRAIENT-ELLES ETRE EXEMPTES DE L'INDICATION DU PRIX A L'UNITE LORSQUE DES GAMMES COMMUNAUTAIRES N'EXISTENT PAS ENCORE POUR CES PRODUITS ?

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INTERNAL MARKET COUNCIL, 6 MAY 1986

E. REUTER

THIS MORNING'S SESSION WAS DEVOTED TO INTERNAL MARKET ISSUES. THE MEETING BETWEEN MINISTERS AND MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT WHICH HAD BEEN SCHEDULED FOR 11.30 DID NOT TAKE PLACE AS THE PARLIAMENTARIANS FAILED TO TURN UP.

TAKING STOCK OF PROGRESS ON THE WHITE PAPER PROPOSALS FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE INTERNAL MARKET WAS MARKED BY A FORCEFUL ASSESSMENT BY LORD COCKFIELD, REFERRING TO THE VARIOUS FACTORS ACCOUNTING FOR THE SLIPPAGE WHICH HAD AFFECTED THE IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE. ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE COMMISSION HAD FALLEN BEHIND ITS OWN COMMITMENTS - BECAUSE OF LACK OF STAFF AND RESOURCES - LORD COCKFIELD POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE NEVERTHELESS 108 PROPOSALS ON THE COUNCIL'S TABLE WHICH HAD NOT YET BEEN DEALT WITH. THE PRESIDENT URGED HIS COLLEAGUES TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM OF THE MILAN CONCLUSIONS. HE REPORTED THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL MR BRAKS, HAD AGREED TO PUT INTERNAL MARKET MATTERS ON HIS NEXT AGENDA (33 OF THE OUTSTANDING

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CONCERNING BROADCASTING ACTIVITIES AND AUDIOVISUAL SERVICES
(CF. COM(86)146 AND NOTE P-26). THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION OF
SUBSTANCE BUT PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE WITH A VIEW TO
EXPEDIENT PROCESSING.

THE DRAFT DIRECTIVE ON THE EASING OF FRONTIER CONTROLS APPLICABLE
TO COMMUNITY CITIZENS AS WELL AS THE DRAFT DIRECTIVE ON THE RIGHT
OF RESIDENCE WERE REFERRED BACK TO COREPER.

FINALLY, IN RESPONSE TO A FRENCH REQUEST ■■■THE COMMISSION
TABLED PROPOSALS FOR A TEMPORARY BAN ON FRESH FOOD IMPORTS FROM
EASTERN EUROPE AFTER THE CHERNOBYL NUCLEAR ACCIDENT AND FOR A
COMMUNITY COORDINATION OF NATIONAL MEASURES DESTINED TO PROTECT
PUBLIC HEALTH IN THIS CONTEXT. LORD COCKFIELD EMPHASISED THE
CONCERN THAT PRECAUTIONS TAKEN BY NATIONAL AUTHORITIES SHOULD NOT
ENTAIL UNNECESSARY DISTURBANCES OF THE INTERNAL MARKET. HE
RECOMMENDED THAT GOVERNMENTS SHOULD CONCERT THEIR TESTING METHODS
AND SHARE THE RADIATION THRESHOLDS PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION.
GOVERNMENTS SHOULD MAKE SURE THAT THE MEASURES WHICH WERE CALLED
FOR DID NOT IN FACT LEAD TO RESTRICTIONS OF INTRA-COMMUNITY TRADE
(FOR DETAILS OF THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSALS SEE BIONOTE(86)124■).

THE MINISTERS TOOK ■■NOTE OF THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSALS WHICH
WOULD BE REFERRED TO EXPERTS AND COREPER. IT IS EXPECTED THAT

■■■■■THE DECISION WILL BE FORMALIZED TOMORROW MORNING BY ACCELERATED

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ATTENTION TO ITS REQUEST THAT THE LEVELS OF TOLERABLE
RADIOACTIVITY DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION UNDER THE PROVISIONS
OF THE EURATOM TREATY OUGHT TO BE REVIEWED.

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Bruxelles, le 7 mai 1986

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C.C. AUX MEMBRES DU SERVICE DU PORTE-PAROLE

CONSEIL MARCHÉ INTERIEUR/CONSOMMATEURS DU 6 MAI 1986
(C. Stathopoulos)

FEU VERT DU CONSEIL POUR LA "NOUVELLE IMPULSION"

Le Conseil a marqué son accord sur la résolution qui, entre autre :

- accueille avec intérêt la communication de la Commission et notamment les objectifs du programme de la "Nouvelle impulsion" ;

- approuve l'objectif visant à mieux tenir compte des intérêts des consommateurs dans les autres politiques communautaires ;

- invite la Commission à élaborer et transmettre des propositions concrètes.

Intervenant dans le débat, M. Varfis a annoncé que les propositions de la Commission se baseront sur les orientations suivantes :

- Il apparaît que, jusqu'ici, l'accent a peut-être été placé excessivement sur la libre circulation des produits. Or, la réalisation d'un grand marché intérieur et l'amélioration de la politique de protection des consommateurs sont complémentaires. Il n'est pas indifférent qu'à quelques mois de distance, la Commission ait transmis au Conseil son Livre Blanc sur l'achèvement du marché intérieur et une communication sur la "nouvelle impulsion".

Elle respectera ce lien ainsi que le calendrier envisagé pour l'achèvement du marché intérieur pour la transmission de ses propositions au Conseil.

- Il est nécessaire de mieux intégrer la politique à l'égard des consommateurs au sein des autres politiques communautaires et de concentrer les propositions dans les domaines où apparaît la dimension communautaire.

- Il faut assurer que les produits vendus dans la Communauté assurent aux consommateurs un niveau élevé de protection de leur santé et de leur sécurité.

Si nous atteignons ces objectifs, a souligné M. Varfis, nous aurons apporté une contribution concrète à l'Europe des citoyens.

INDICATION DES PRIX

Le COREPER a été chargé de poursuivre ses travaux sur la base des nouvelles propositions de compromis présentées par la Commission. Ces propositions concernent notamment les modalités d'exemption de l'obligation d'indiquer le prix à l'unité de mesure pour des gammes de produits normalisés.

CREDIT A LA CONSOMMATION

Pas de progrès significatifs sur la proposition de directive qui vise l'harmonisation des législations des États membres en matière de crédit à la consommation. Le Conseil a renvoyé ce point au COREPER.

Enfin, la Présidence a annoncé qu'elle envisage d'organiser un Conseil Consommateurs le 24 juin.

AGRICULTURE

Le Conseil a adopte en point A une serie de propositions qui visent a formaliser l'accord politique du Conseil agriculture du 25 avril dernier concernant les prix et mesures connexes pour la campagne suivante. En effet, les reglements ont ete adoptes pour tous les secteurs dont le debut de la campagne a ete reporte jusqu'au 12 mai prochain. Il s'agit des secteurs du lait, de la viande bovine, fourrages seches et certains fruits et legumes.

Pour des raisons materielles, le Conseil n'a pas encore ete en mesure de formaliser l'accord precite pour les autres secteurs agricoles; c'est pourquoi les decisions formelles devront intervenir a l'occasion du prochain Conseil Affaires generales prevu pour lundi prochain, et ceci egalement sous point A.

Amities

G. ANOUIL, COMEUR////