

Exceptional market support measures in case of outbreaks of diseases

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The committee adopted the second report by Niels BUSK (ALDE, DK) amending the proposal under the consultation procedure. The first report (see summary dated 26/04/2005), recommending that the proposal be rejected, was referred back to committee for further consideration following the plenary sitting in Strasbourg of 10 May 2005.

In the second report, the committee inserted new clauses stipulating that Member States must ensure that, where producers contribute to the expenditure borne by Member States under the co-financing arrangements, this does not result in distortion of competition by producers in different Member States. The Commission must monitor whether any such distortion of competition is occurring and take any appropriate action. It must also report to Parliament and Council every 6 months.

The committee also adopted a number of amendments setting the Community's contribution under the co-financing arrangements at a higher level than the 50% proposed by the Commission. It proposed that the Community contribution be set at 75% for the pigmeat, eggs, poultrymeat, sheepmeat and goatmeat and milk and milk products sectors and 60% for the beef and veal sector.