Management of the Community cereals trade involving export refunds. Special report 5/97 Court of Auditors

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The Committee adopted the Giansily report. In its report the committee deplores the fact that the export refund system (using flat-rate processing coefficients) has entailed substantial additional costs for the EU budget and says it should have been revised long ago. It calls on the Commission to improve the quality of physical checks on exported cereals and also to recover amounts paid unduly in the case of exported malt the eligibility of which for refunds has been disputed. The committee considers that a reform of POSEIMA is needed. It asks for the supply of maize to Portugal from third countries to be organized so as not to result in additional costs to the EU budget. It also calls on the Commission to forward a report to Parliament on all these matters under the ad hoc clearance of accounts procedures, in time to be included in Parliament's discharge decisions. Lastly, the report asks the Commission to comply with the agreement reached between Parliament and the Commission on the question of commitology.