EAGGF, agricultural levies, custom duties, VAT, excise duties: recovery of claims (amend. direct. 76/308/EEC)

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The committee adopted the report by Salvador GARRIGA POLLEDO (EPP-ED, E) disputing the Council's proposal to change the legal basis for the amended directive from Article 95 (codecision) to Articles 93 and 94 (consultation). The committee had asked Parliament's Legal Affairs Committee for an opinion on this change and had been told that the directive had as its object "the establishment and functioning of the internal market" and that the legal basis should therefore remain Article 95. The committee endorsed this viewpoint in its report and therefore maintained that the codecision procedure was still under way. It confirmed Parliament's opinion at first reading and called on Council to forward its common position to Parliament.