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

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Adopting the report by Mr Jean-Antoine GIANSILY (UPE, F) concerning the Community cereals trade the European Parliament deplores the fact that the flat-rate processing coefficients have remained unchanged for 24 years, which has entailed substantial additional costs for the budget of the European Union. It calls on the Commission to recover amounts paid unduly owing to the absence of checks on the origin of exported malt and to clarify the rules regarding the eligibility for refunds of compound feedingstuffs. The Commission is also called on to consolidate Regulation (EEC) No 3665/87 in order to harmonize and improve the quality of physical checks on exported cereals and introduce a genuine policy for coordinating checks on multinational undertakings by the relevant national authorities and to inform Parliament of the results achieved. Parliament calls for the supply of maize to Portugal from third countries to be organized so as to disrupt Community production. It considers that a reform of the POSEIMA scheme based on the observations of the Court of Auditors is necessary. Finally, Parliament calls on the Commission to draw up a report on the consequences drawn from the Court's findings under the relevant clearance of accounts procedures in time to be included in Parliament's discharge decisions.