Banana, fruit and vegetables sector

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Parliament approved the proposal for a regulation and then referred to committee the report of Mr Juan COLINO SALAMANCA (PSE, E). The amendments approved by Parliament at the plenary sitting of October I (1995) were as follows: - the title was amended: the regulation seeks only to amend Regulation (EEC) No 404/93 (and not this regulation and Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72). In the same context, Parliament took the view that the exclusion of fig bananas from the common organization for bananas and, consecutively, their inclusion in the COM for fruit and vegetables, was not desirable. It therefore recommended maintaining the status quo (and as a result removed all reference to fig bananas, including Annex I which included this type of banana); - Parliament considered that the Commission should present proposals which seek to remove the current restrictions on the access of banana production to the economic area of the European Union, without affecting the legitimate interests of both Community producers and those in the ACP countries; - it proposed fixing the reference period for the allocation of import duties to a single calendar year instead of two (the Commission's proposal); - to cases of "force majeure", in which the ACP countries were permitted to import products of other origin, it added those cases where there was endemic civil war and the absence of a legitimately recognized government; - as regards the conditions governing the temporary re-allocation of traditional and non-traditional quantities, as attributable to cases other than "force majeure", Parliament held that the transfer should not necessarily take place between ACP States from the same geographic zone; - finally, Parliament called on the Commission to present a report (by 31.12.1995 at the latest) which would be accompanied by appropriate proposals relating to the operation of this regulation (taking account particularly of the flow of trade in Community bananas and in bananas from non-member and ACP countries when applying this regulation).