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Written Question No. 680/80

by Mr John D. Taylor

to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Where is Northern Ireland?

Is it correct that the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Ireland to the Community has made representations to use in all references and correspondence the term 'IRELAND' when referring to the nation in the Southern part of the island of Ireland? Has the Commission agreed to these representations and have the Commission staff been instructed accordingly?

Is the Commission aware that such a decision is offensive to Community electors in Northern Ireland? The Northern Irish electorate is over 1 million voters. Since Northern Ireland is not in England; Wales or Scotland and, if the term IRELAND is now to be restricted to the southern part of the Irish island where, in Commission terminology, is Northern Ireland?

Written Question No. 681/80

by Mr John D. Taylor

to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Subsidised Southern Irish bread exports into Northern Ireland

In view of the anxiety by trade unionists and workers in the Northern Ireland bakery industry at the export of Southern Irish bread into the 'Crazy Prices' supermarkets in Northern Ireland and in the knowledge that each Southern Irish loaf of bread has a national subsidy equivalent to £0.05p sterling would the Commission answer:

1. Is the export of State aided bread consistent with the Treaty of Rome and in particular with Article 92?
2. If Southern Ireland has been given special permission to subsidize bread exports is there a limit to the period of this permission?