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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on the elimination of customs duties on fertilisers

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the elimination of customs duties on fertilisers

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas fertilisers represent a significant share of the total input cost of the EU agricultural sector;
- B. whereas the market consolidation of fertiliser producers, the cost of fertiliser raw materials, and the customs duties applied to fertiliser imports, increased by the Common Customs Tariff, have resulted in a steep increase in EU fertiliser prices;
- C. whereas EU farmers' ability to pay for inputs has decreased;
- D. whereas the abolition or suspension of customs duties on fertilisers would decrease the cost of agricultural activities, improving the competitiveness of this major EU economic sector;
- 1. Stresses that the availability of raw materials is of crucial importance to the growth of EU agriculture and warns that without less costly, sustainable access to fertilisers, no future development will be possible in most strategic areas of agricultural production;
- 2. Expresses its full support for the promotion of measures enhancing the international competitiveness of the EU agricultural sector, such as the reduction of fertiliser costs;
- 3. Calls on the Council to amend Annex I to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 of 23 July 1987 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff, and to eliminate customs duties on fertiliser imports.