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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on intensive animal husbandry and health risks

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on intensive animal husbandry and health risks

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas almost all products of animal origin sold by major distributors are the result of intensive animal husbandry, this being highly conducive to the development and propagation of illnesses with possible consequences for public health;
- B. whereas recent studies have revealed that battery hens are six times more likely than others to be contaminated with the salmonella strain responsible for numerous types of food poisoning;
- C. whereas intensive breeding methods frequently involve administering substantial quantities of antibiotics to prevent diseases spreading owing to the cramped conditions in which the animals are kept and to stimulate growth;
- D. whereas overuse of antibiotics in animals is the principal cause of increase resistance thereto in humans;
- E. whereas those who eat an average quantity of meat are unknowingly consuming almost 9 grams of antibiotics annually (the equivalent of four courses of treatment): whereas over 25,000 people die each year in Europe of infections caused by bacteria resistant to antibiotics;
- 1. Considers it necessary to take measures to restrict intensive breeding and encourage extensive grazing or organic farming methods.