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# MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure  
on transport and maintaining the cold chain

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on transport and maintaining the cold chain**

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004<sup>1</sup>,
  - having regard to the Commission guidelines on good distribution practice,<sup>2</sup>
  - having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas this range of EU instruments lays down specific and binding temperature conditions for the storage and transport of foods and medicines in order to safeguard their quality and integrity;
- B. whereas this set of rules thus helps to ensure that temperature conditions are maintained, within certain tolerance levels, during the transport stage and, more generally, along the distribution chain;
- C. whereas, although verification of compliance with the guidelines is the responsibility of the national authorities, it remains a matter of priority to tighten up controls on the proper maintenance of the cold chain by all distribution operators;
- D. whereas it is therefore strategic to implement the new hydrogen technologies applied to logistics, such as doubling (with zero emissions) the autonomy of electrically refrigerated cells (fuel cell range extenders);
1. Calls on the Council and the Commission to support Member States in implementing the new hydrogen technologies as applied to logistics and in tightening up checks on the transport of foods, medicines and vaccines.

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 laying down specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin (OJ L 139, 30.4.2004).

<sup>2</sup> Guidelines of 5 November 2013 on Good Distribution Practice of medicinal products for human use (OJ C 343, 23.11.2013).