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# **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the intensive rearing of pigs and their well-being in Europe

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the intensive rearing of pigs and their well-being in Europe**

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the lack of materials in intensive pig rearing units in which pigs can properly root around (e.g. straw, hay, wood chippings, sawdust and peat),
  - having regard to the very adverse affect this has on their well-being,
  - having regard to the ongoing debate in Europe on the document BREF (Best Available Technique Reference) on the intensive rearing of pigs which deems slatted floors to be the best available technique, when these make it almost impossible to use straw or other such materials that would enhance their surroundings,
  - having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the use of stalls in intensive pig rearing units in Europe does not allow pigs to root around;
- B. whereas that rooting around, which is how pigs look for food and for the best place to lie down and get to know their surroundings, is essential to their well-being;
- C. whereas the inability to root around has been indicated as the main reason for the onset of abnormal and dangerous behaviour by pigs in intensive units, such as cannibalism and over-aggression;
- D. Calls on the Commission to identify the best strategies for enhancing the inside of pig pens and improving the health and well-being of intensively-reared pigs.