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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on the promotion and protection of traditional quality food products

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on on the promotion and protection of traditional quality food products

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the Commission has sent the Italian Government a letter of formal notice objecting to the inflexibility of national legislation prohibiting the use of reconstituted concentrated milk powder to manufacture cheese;
- B. whereas this promotes standardisation at the level of the lowest common denominator, to the detriment of healthy, quality production;
- 1. Considers that, thanks to the strict standards which apply to the production of Italian cheeses, those cheeses are of excellent quality and that Italian cheese manufacture should be taken as a model;
- 2. Notes that culinary traditions and quality standards vary widely between Member States;
- 3. Calls on the Commission to legislate on the subject, taking as a basis the best legislative models and adopting the aim of excellence rather than mediocrity, with due regard for the principles of European food safety policy and promoting traditional quality products.

