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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on the rearing conditions and intensive farming of pigs

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the rearing conditions and intensive farming of pigs

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Directive 2008/120/EC,
- having regard to Directive 2001/93/EC,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the vast majority (95 %) of the 200 million pigs in Europe and 14 million in France are reared in overcrowded buildings and thus in illegal conditions;
- B. whereas, since 2003, there has been a requirement for the living environment of pigs to be enriched with material to enable proper investigation and manipulation activities, (such as straw, hay, wood, sawdust, etc.);
- C. whereas millions of pigs on farms suffer routinely from tail-docking, tooth-clipping, castration without anaesthetic and the keeping of sows in crates;
 1. Calls on the Commission to ban the castration of pigs or insist on anaesthesia prior to castration, and to promote the development of alternative methods;
 2. Calls on the Commission to enforce the rules requiring rearing conditions that permit proper investigation and manipulation activities, and to gradually abolish rearing on slatted floors;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the Member States.