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pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure on plastic rice from Asia

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on plastic rice from Asia

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the Philippines *National Food Authority* is currently conducting investigations into a trade in fake rice made from the copolymer styrene-acrylonitrile, a plastic used in food packaging, which is causing serious health problems in Asia;
- B. whereas the plastic rice is mixed in with genuine rice and could therefore find its way into imports to the EU, thus posing a serious threat to consumer health;
- 1. Calls on the Commission, with reference to Articles 4(2)(f), 12, 114 and 169 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and Article 38 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, to conduct an investigation into whether any rice imports from Asia contain plastic rice and, as a precautionary measure, to suspend all rice imports from the region forthwith.

