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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the protection of SMEs in the fisheries and aquaculture sector

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the protection of SMEs in the fisheries and aquaculture sector

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the new labels for fishery and aquaculture products introduced as part of the new common market organisation overload consumers with information and therefore confuse them, rather than protecting them more effectively;
- B. whereas the cost of complying with the new rules may run into hundreds of thousands of euros, an additional overhead which family firms in the fishing and supply industries can barely afford and which may be enough to drive some of them out of business;
 1. Takes the view that the high costs to firms must be offset by clear benefits for consumers;
 2. Takes the view that the Commission has fallen well short of its stated aim of protecting SMEs, as these firms will be hit disproportionately hard by the costs of complying with the new labelling rules and could be squeezed out of the market as a result.