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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on lifting the sanctions against Russia

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on lifting the sanctions against Russia

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the embargo on EU foodstuffs that Russia imposed in retaliation to the EU sanctions against it has cost EU farmers some EUR 5.5 billion, according to the EU Committee of Professional Agricultural Organisations;
- B. whereas French farmers appear to have been particularly badly hit, given that, according to the French Ministry of Agriculture, the French pork industry has suffered some EUR 44 million in losses despite increased exports to China, which have not been enough to make up for the loss of sales in Russia;
- C. whereas an extra 100 000 to 150 000 tonnes of pork have ended up on the European market, causing prices to fall;
- D. whereas the sanctions against Russia have not had the desired effect as Russian pork production has increased by 26 % over the last four years, making Russia an exporting country and further contributing to the fall in prices in some OECD countries;
- 1. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to lift the sanctions against Russia without further delay.