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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on the procedure for banning imports of GM products

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the procedure for banning imports of GM products

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the Commission proposal seeks to authorise the Member States to restrict or prohibit the use of GMOs intended for human and animal consumption on their territory;
- B. whereas the proposal does not go far enough, in that it merely outlines the restrictions on the ‘use and not [...] the free circulation [...] of genetically modified food and feed’ which could be imposed by the Member States, but does not establish a procedure for banning GMO imports;
- C. whereas the proposal overlooks a number of important issues, such as the lack of a labelling requirement for products derived from animals fed on GMOs;
- D. whereas the current authorisation procedure fails to take account of objections raised by the Member States themselves, but instead is based on highly questionable assessments carried out by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA);
- 1. Calls on the Commission to overhaul the GMO authorisation procedure completely, so that the Member States can impose a unilateral ban on imports and the free circulation of GMOs on their territory, and to introduce a clear labelling system for these products.