



Plenary sitting

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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on redefining the rules on interventions to safeguard resources in the international agri-food industry

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on redefining the rules on interventions to safeguard resources in the international agri-food industry

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas professional organisations across the world have issued a warning on the potential repercussions of EU rules which seem not to be designed to adequately safeguard precious livestock resources;
- B. whereas the United Nations Organisation for Food and Agriculture (FAO), in a survey of genetic livestock resources, has reported that around 17% of livestock breeds are at risk of extinction across various European countries;
- C. whereas the value of this industry in Italy alone is EUR 17.3 billion, or 35% of the whole agri-food sector of that country, and is estimated to account for around 800 000 jobs;
- D. whereas the danger of extinction of established breeds of cattle, pigs and sheep, which is always greater in mountain areas, is not to be under-estimated, given that studies of such animal breeds show their numbers to have decreased by 2 million over the past decade;
- 1. Believes that greater attention should again be paid to this matter, which should be viewed as a priority;
- 2. Proposes that legislation be introduced which redefines the rules in this area, so as to safeguard the huge genetic resources potential of the international agri-food industry.