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# **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure  
on relations between supermarkets and producers

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on relations between supermarkets and producers**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the selling prices that farmers obtain for their produce have not risen since 2000, but supermarket profit margins are increasing and translating into higher prices at the checkout;
- B. whereas the large-scale retail sector has entered what is – from the farmers’ point of view – a deadly deflationary spiral in which supermarkets are increasingly squeezing their suppliers (by importing on a larger scale than necessary, brandishing the threat of delisting, or failing to factor in cost trends);
- C. whereas this situation has been brought about not only by the wait-and-see attitude of the authorities (which have done nothing to prevent the market from becoming concentrated to the extent that a handful of chains can wield greater buying power and thus secure a dominant position in relation to their suppliers), but also by European competition law;
- D. whereas, because of this situation, added value is not being shared fairly among producers, processors, and large-scale retailers;
- 1. Maintains that Member States must be allowed to free themselves from European competition law in order to regulate purchase or resale prices more tightly, help producers to organise themselves more effectively, and enable competition authorities to take responsibility for distributing the ‘producer surplus’ when suppliers are being harmed.