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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on agreements between big supermarkets and French livestock farmers

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on agreements between big supermarkets and French livestock farmers

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the group of independent retailers, Intermarché, in an agreement with its competitor, Leclerc, had decided to purchase pork at a floor price of EUR 1.40 per kilo with a view to supporting the crisis-ridden pork industry;
- B. whereas the European Commission decided to investigate Intermarché for having entered into an agreement with its competitor, Leclerc, an agreement deemed by the Commission as ‘discriminatory towards third countries’;
- 1. Notes that the Commission is withholding from opening a similar investigation in Germany which, due to the adverse effects of the Posted Workers Directive, is facilitating the use of underpaid workers from Eastern European countries, a genuine policy of wage dumping which undermines competition;
- 2. Invites the Commission to reconsider its position on the issue, which is clearly discriminatory towards French manufacturers subject to rules and in-built costs.