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# **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on compliance with animal welfare rules for the slaughter of chicks

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on compliance with animal welfare rules for the slaughter of chicks**

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the recent scandal in a French abattoir certified as ‘organic’, in the Basque Country, has again shown that the rules on animal welfare fall far short and that animal cruelty is widespread and growing;
- B. whereas the rearing of hens can entail unacceptable abuses such as the separation of male and female chicks at birth and the culling of male chicks in macerators or with carbon monoxide;
- C. whereas in Germany alone, almost 500 million chicks suffer this tragic fate, with slaughter methods that are cruel and cause unbearable suffering;
- D. whereas this practice is by no means limited to Germany, and Commission regulations (concerning prohibitions on slaughtering animals after 72 hours of life or overloaded mincing machines for instance) are not applied;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to take all necessary measures to ensure compliance with existing rules and to look into ways of rendering animal protection regulations effective.