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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the need to take action to limit food waste

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the need to take action to limit food waste

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the sheer volume of food waste generated is absurd, as millions of tonnes of still edible food are thrown away each year;
- B. whereas EU citizens throw away the equivalent of 80 kg of food per year on average;
- C. whereas many products are still safe for consumption after their expiry date has passed, as that date usually guarantees the taste, colour and consistency of the product;
- D. whereas the prerequisites for sustainable development are just as important as food safety;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to launch an examination of the use of expiry dates to make sure that they take account of the need for sustainable development and responsible consumption;