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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on eliminating the practice of tail-docking of pigs

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on eliminating the practice of tail-docking of pigs

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas animal welfare associations have drawn attention to the practice of tail-docking in a number of pig farms, a practice which causes the animals a lot of pain since no anaesthetic is administered;
- B. whereas 25 million pigs are reared every year in France alone, primarily for their meat;
- C. whereas 95 % of pigs are kept in cramped and overcrowded buildings, on slatted floors or in confined conditions, and are not given proper space to lead a natural life;
- D. whereas these practices must, therefore, be abolished as a matter of urgency, especially given the existence of alternatives;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to initiate a debate on how best to integrate the elimination of tail-docking of pigs into national animal welfare strategies.