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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the prevention of canine rabies

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the prevention of canine rabies

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 168 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, according to a study by the Global Alliance for Rabies Control dated 16 April 2015, rabies causes 59 000 deaths worldwide every year, and generates estimated economic losses of USD 8.6 billion a year;
- B. whereas this disease, which in 99% of cases is caused by dogs, has been eradicated from the majority of the western European States, it remains endemic in some eastern European Member States;
- C. whereas, according to a study by the Norwegian Veterinary Institute dated 27 June 2015, the harmonised regulations in the European Union and the European Economic Area, which entered into force on 1 June 2012, do not ensure adequate protection against rabies, since out of the 75 dogs tested originating from eastern European Member States, 53 - 95% showed insufficient levels of antibodies;
- 1. Encourages the Commission to allow Member States to take their own appropriate protection measures concerning the transit of domestic animals from other EU or EEA Member States.