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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on imports of Chinese aquaculture products

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on imports of Chinese aquaculture products

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 168 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
 - having regard to Directive 98/58/EC,
 - having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas approximately 50% of fish eaten comes from aquaculture, the global production of which amounted to 97 million tonnes in 2013;
- B. whereas in 2012 the EU's self-sufficiency rate for seafood was 44.5 % and in 2014 the EU had a deficit of EUR 16 billion in this sector; whereas in the same year, 2014, the value of imports amounted to EUR 21 billion, which was an annual growth rate of 6%, and whereas China accounted for 9% of imports in volume terms and 7% in value terms;
- C. whereas Chinese aquaculture does not necessarily comply with European standards and the recommendations of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA);
- D. whereas poor husbandry conditions affect the quality of fish due to overcrowding and stress;
- E. whereas Chinese aquaculture uses antibiotics, including the last-resort antibiotic colistin, and whereas cases of antibiotic resistance to colistin have been identified;
1. Urges the Commission, via EFSA, to assess the health risk resulting from consumption of aquaculture products from China.