



Plenary sitting

B8-0046/2017

5.1.2017

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on *Clostridium difficile* and antibiotic resistance

Mireille D'Ornano

Motion for a European Parliament resolution on *Clostridium difficile* and antibiotic resistance

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 *Clostridium difficile* is a species of Clostridium bacteria which causes infections of the digestive tract, owing mainly to two enterotoxins, particularly when in contact with antibiotics such as fluoroquinolone;
- B. whereas the symptoms of infection with *Clostridium difficile* range from diarrhoea to abdominal distension (20% of cases) and even intestinal obstruction, which can require a total colectomy, the postoperative mortality rate for which is 67%;
- C. whereas infection with *Clostridium difficile* often takes place on medical premises, with the intestinal flora colonisation rate being between 20% and 40% in hospitalised adults as opposed to 2% to 3% in the general population;
- D. whereas, according to several studies, *Clostridium difficile* is present in processed meat and whereas a study by the University of Arizona (United States, 2007) has shown the prevalence of the bacteria in raw processed meat to be 47.8%;
- 1. Urges the Commission to issue guidelines in respect of *Clostridium difficile* and, as appropriate, on the use of antibiotics in livestock farming.