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on the introduction of compulsory medical examinations for migrants arriving on European soil

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the introduction of compulsory medical examinations for migrants arriving on European soil

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 the ECDC notes that there is a high incidence of hepatitis B and hepatitis C in the main countries of origin of migrants arriving in Europe (Syria, Eritrea, and Iraq), the corresponding figures ranging from 3% to 15%, compared with 1% for each of the two diseases in Europe;
- B. whereas according to an ECDC report published in 2012, 80% of hepatitis B cases in Europe are 'imported' by migrants;
- C. whereas the risk that these infections might be passed on to the population of Member States is increased by the fact that 75% of carriers are unaware that they are infected;
- D. whereas under Article 13 of the Reception Standards Directive (Directive 2013/33/EU), 'Member States may require medical screening for applicants on public health grounds';
- 1. Calls on the Commission to encourage Member States to introduce compulsory medical examinations for migrants arriving on European soil so as to enable them to be screened for the above-mentioned diseases.

