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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the technique of mutagenesis

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 Directive 2001/18/EC provides a definition of genetically modified organisms (OGMs), distinguishing specifically between the two techniques of transgenesis and mutagenesis, whereby they are produced;
- B. whereas while the products of transgenesis are subject to the obligations set out in Directive 2001/18/EC those of mutagenesis are not, and, under Annex IB of the directive, products created using the technique of mutagenesis can avoid, for example, requirements in respect of labelling and seeking authorisation;
- C. whereas, in the interests of transparency, mutagenesis too should be taken into account in Annex IB of Directive 2001/18/EC;
- 1. Urges the Commission to consider revising Directive 2001/18/EC with a view to including mutagenesis.

