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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on adding sugar to wine

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on adding sugar to wine

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 exempts alcoholic beverages containing more than 1.2 % by volume of alcohol from the listing of ingredients, such as added sugars, on labels;
- B. whereas this practice is prohibited in Italy, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Cyprus and in some parts of France, while it is permitted in northern European countries;
- C. whereas in Mediterranean countries wine enrichment is permitted only by using rectified concentrated grape must, resulting in higher costs compared to the practice of chaptalisation (addition of sugar);
- D. whereas consumers must be guaranteed full information and transparency;
- 1. Takes the view that the refusal to provide this information constitutes an infringement of consumers' right to information and is a form of unfair competition for producers who do not resort to the practice of chaptalisation;
- 2. Calls on the Commission to take appropriate measures to ensure fair competition between wine producers from northern Europe and those from the Mediterranean area;
- 3. Calls for the right to information of EU consumers to be protected.