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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the presence of endocrine disruptors in products made from recycled materials

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the presence of endocrine disruptors in products made from recycled materials

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 in a study published in October 2018, five associations – WECF France (Women in Europe for a Common Future), France Nature Environnement (FNE), the Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL), Arnika and the International Persistent Organic Pollutants Elimination Network (IPEN) – oppose the recycling loop as authorised in the EU;
- B. whereas, following tests on 430 everyday products, the presence of toxic substances, identified as endocrine disruptors, has been confirmed, particularly in kitchenware and toys;
- C. whereas 25% of the products tested contain brominated flame retardants, including the persistent organic pollutants polybrominated diphenyl ethers and hexabromocyclododecane, which are harmful to health and the environment, and whereas these flame retardants are from electronic waste, which is why the EU tolerates them in plastics;
- D. whereas several studies have confirmed that endocrine disrupters act on the brain and thyroid, increasing the risk of attention deficit disorders and attention deficit hyperactivity disorders among children;
- E. whereas young children often tend to put their toys in their mouths;
- 1. calls on the Commission to revise the legislation on these derogations as a matter of urgency, with the aim of protecting health, especially in the very young.