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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on combating food waste in the European Union

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Motion for a resolution on combating food waste in the European Union

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - A. whereas there are 118 million people at risk of poverty in the EU, 18 million of whom are Italian, according to data from Istat's 2018 report on the SDGs;
 - B. whereas more than 50 million tonnes of fresh fruit and vegetables – more than a third of total production in Europe – are discarded in the EU every year;
 - C. whereas, according to a study published in August 2018 by the University of Edinburgh, this food waste is attributable to the fact that large retailers and current EU legislation impose strict appearance-based standards determining which fruit and vegetables are fit for sale, causing vast quantities of imperfect but edible produce to be discarded;
 - D. whereas this waste is intolerable for the millions of people suffering economic hardship and also deprives farmers of profits,
1. Calls on the Commission to consider reviewing the standards determining what fruit and vegetables are fit for sale in the EU;
 2. Also invites the Commission to consider awareness-raising measures to combat food waste in the EU.