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3/9/01

Motion for a resolution

Tabled by: Mr. Berlato and Mr Hyland on behalf of the UEN group

On foot and mouth disease

Pursuant to Rule 50 of the Rules of Procedure

BS-580/01

The European Parliament

- having regard to its resolution of 5 April 2001 on the outbreak of foot and mouth disease;
  - A. noting with great concern that new cases of foot and mouth disease (FMD) have been confirmed in the United Kingdom
  - B. alarmed that new outbreaks could spread quickly, including to mainland Europe, if not dealt with promptly and properly
  - C. concerned about the lack of effective and permanent controls at the border of infected countries;
1. Stresses that the meat and livestock sectors are vital, not only for the survival of vast numbers of European farmers, but also to the economies of a number of Member States;
  2. Regrets that in spite of experience gained from previous outbreaks, the EU was totally unprepared and disorganised in confronting the latest major outbreaks of FMD.
  3. Therefore demands on this occasion that stringent veterinary controls on goods, passengers and luggage at the borders of infected countries are effectively carried out;
  4. Further demands that Member States ensure that all necessary measures are taken to prevent animal products entering the EU from countries where FMD is present;
  5. Calls for severe penalties to be imposed on anyone contravening or attempting to contravene these measures
  6. Requests the Commission to report back to the European Parliament, by the next plenary session, on the extent of the latest outbreaks and the effectiveness of the measure being taken, to combat them.
  7. instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Council.

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