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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on introducing a European animal welfare and public health label

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on introducing a European animal welfare and public health label

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas at any one time 65 billion animals are being kept worldwide to produce food for people, and whereas in Europe 80% of such animals are reared intensively with more regard for profit than for animal welfare and public health;
- B. having regard to the suffering caused by genetic selection, mutilation, the premature separation of mother and offspring, the use of GMO feedingstuffs, battery farming and transport and the industrial slaughter of terrified livestock without effective stunning;
- C. whereas repeated scandals in the agrifood industry have revealed the existence of mafia-like networks and methods which take advantage of the abolition of border controls and our decision to forgo food sovereignty;
- D. whereas 70 % of meat is still sold without a label specifying its origin;
- E. whereas the labelling of eggs as free range has proved a great success;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to:
 - propose measures to consolidate and improve the existing labelling specifications;
 - introduce an ‘animal welfare and public health’ label which certifies the ethical nature, the nutritional quality and the traceability of agri-food products and that the welfare of the animals concerned was guaranteed from birth to slaughter;
- 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the national parliaments.