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# **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure  
on slaughter without stunning

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on slaughter without stunning**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Article 13 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
  - having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009 of 24 September 2009,
  - having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas 360 million livestock animals (cattle, sheep, pigs, and goats) are slaughtered every year in the EU;
- B. whereas under Article 4(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009 exemptions may be made for ‘animals subject to particular methods of slaughter prescribed by religious rites’ and whereas slaughter without stunning may be carried out in France and elsewhere subject to prior administrative authorisation;
- C. whereas slaughter without stunning causes suffering to the animals concerned, as was confirmed by the European Food Safety Authority on 15 June 2004, and could increase the risk of contamination by *Escherichia coli*;
1. Calls on the Member States strictly to comply with Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009 and to step up checks at slaughterhouses, using CCTV systems where necessary;
  2. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to prohibit slaughter without stunning, at least until reliable and accessible reversible stunning techniques have been developed, and to introduce mandatory labelling for products obtained by ritual slaughtering.