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## **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure  
on banning the monopoly of *Hrvatske šume d.o.o.*

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on banning the monopoly of *Hrvatske šume d.o.o.***

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Articles 101 and 102 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,

A. whereas *Hrvatske šume d.o.o.* is a state-owned company that occupies a special position as a public forest owner, deciding which company will be able to operate in the wood processing sector and in which manner;

B. whereas the company has been denying timber to domestic producers for years, allocating them smaller quotas than they are entitled to<sup>1</sup>;

C. whereas the company has, through its actions, including acts of blackmail, destroyed business operations and damaged companies by using its monopoly position on the market<sup>2</sup>;

D. whereas the Competition Agency has also launched a procedure to identify distortions of competition caused by the company's abuse of its dominant position in the relevant market for the distribution of timber due to suspicions of opaque implementation of public calls for tender and discrimination against businesses<sup>3</sup>;

E. whereas the director of *Hrvatske šume d.o.o.* was arrested on suspicion of abuse of office and power, and in 2016 the entire administration had to resign for paying bonuses to themselves;

F. whereas many companies are being forced to sign dubious new contracts containing conditions that are harmful to them in order to be able to procure timber at all;

G. whereas their actions are destroying Croatia's wood processing industry;

1. Calls on the Commission to adopt measures banning the monopoly of *Hrvatske šume d.o.o.*

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.rtl.hr/vijesti-hr/novosti/hrvatska/3265047/zivi-zid-hrvatske-sume-uskracuju-drvo-domacim-proizvodjacima-dok-ga-istodobno-izvoze-u-italiju/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://dnevnik.hr/vijesti/hrvatska/provjereno-nisu-prosli-natjecaj-za-sirovinu-hrvatskih-suma---649779.html>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.aztn.hr/aztn-pokrenuo-postupak-protiv-hrvatskih-suma/>