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# MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure

on blood farms in Iceland

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on blood farms in Iceland**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Article 13 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to Article 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas equine chorionic gonadotropin (eCG), a hormone produced by the placenta of pregnant mares, is used in the intensive farming of cattle, sheep, goats and pigs to improve yields;
- B. whereas to produce eCG, Iceland exploits more than 5000 mares on 119 farms, drawing 40 litres of blood per pregnant mare per season;
- C. whereas the thereby weakened mares, who often have trouble walking, are sometimes beaten and confined in cramped enclosures;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to ban the use and import of eCG;
- 2. Calls on the Commission to find out which intensive farms in Europe use this hormone and make putting an end to this practice a condition for them to continue receiving subsidies;
- 3. Calls, more broadly, for the Commission to ensure that imported agricultural products are up to all EU health and environmental standards, so that animal suffering can no longer simply be shifted outside the EU;
- 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.