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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure

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on safeguarding the livestock industry in the Campania Region

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**Written declaration on safeguarding the livestock industry in the Campania Region**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
  - A. having regard to the recent order by the Italian Health Ministry to slaughter buffalo infected with the brucellosis bacterium, implementation of which will bring about the loss of some 40% of the buffalo stock,
  - B. whereas, given that over 70% of Italian Mediterranean Buffalo are farmed in the province of Caserta, slaughter of the livestock population would damage the economy of an entire region,
  - C. whereas tests carried out on dairy products by local health boards have shown no evidence of the presence of brucella in buffalo cheese, and whereas brucella is a thermolabile bacterium which dies at temperatures of about 35°, while temperatures in the mozzarella-making process reach levels of between 50° and 90°,
  - D. whereas the slaughtering approach has shown itself to be not only ineffective, but above all a threat to the survival of animal stocks and levels of employment in the industry,
1. Calls on the Commission and the Council to:
    - take direct measures to safeguard genetic stocks of the species being farmed, employment levels in the industry, food production levels and the interests of consumers;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council and the Commission.