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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure
by Dimitar Stoyanov, Desislav Chukolov and Slavi Binev
on food imports

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## Written declaration on food imports

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council,
- having regard to Council Directive 97/78/EC,
- having regard to Commission Decision 2006/504/EC,
- having regard to the White Paper on Food Safety,
- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, as a result of the financial crisis, consumers are expected to prefer low-priced, and therefore low-quality, imported food products, entailing potential health risks,
- B. whereas consequences have arisen from imports of milk from China,
- C. whereas consequences have arisen from imports of poultry meat from the USA,
- D. whereas there have been numerous cases of food poisoning,
- 1. Considers it necessary to introduce stricter checks on food imports at points of entry into the Community;
- 2. Proposes that EU quality requirements be raised as regards imported foodstuffs from importing companies and producers;
- 3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council, the Commission and the parliaments and governments of the Member States

