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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure  
on electronic identification of sheep (EID)

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**Written declaration on electronic identification of sheep (EID)**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the regulation on the electronic identification of sheep came into force on 1 January 2010,
- B. whereas keepers are required to achieve 100% accuracy on all sheep movements,
- C. whereas due to faulty technology and practical difficulties it is frequently impossible for many keepers to achieve 100% accuracy,
- D. whereas many keepers are facing financial penalties for being in breach of cross-compliance regulations, through no fault of their own but simply because the technology is unreliable,
- E. whereas in its proposal on bovine EID, the Commission recognises that there is still the potential for EID to be inaccurate,
- F. whereas the requirement to record sheep movements individually from 1 January 2012 could result in animal welfare problems and a disproportionate administrative burden,
  1. Calls on the Commission to review the implementation of the regulation in order to allow some level of tolerance, reflecting the unreliability of the technology currently available for reading sheep movements;
  2. Calls on the Commission to grant a derogation up to 2016 for the recording of individual movements for the entire sheep flock;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission.