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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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Mr MUNTINGH and Mrs WEBER

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the protection of the European Consumer against  
imports into the Community of products declared unfit  
for consumption by US legislation

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The European Parliament,

- having regard to Community legislation for the protection of the health and safety of consumers,
  - having regard more particularly to the Council directive of 27 June 1967 on the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances and the sixth amendment thereto due to enter into force in 1981, and also to the Council directive of 27 July 1976 on the approximation of the statutory and administrative provisions of the Member States on the restriction on placing on the market and utilizing certain dangerous substances and preparations,
  - whereas thousands of tonnes of products (insecticides, pharmaceuticals, chemical products) are exported to the Community although they are held to be unfit for consumption under American legislation,
  - having regard to the work done in the United States by the Interagency Working Group on a Hazardous Substances Export Policy and the Consumers Product Safety Commission,
  - having regard to recent cases of imports into the EEC of toxic products such as children's pyjamas treated with TRIS which is recognized to be carcinogenic and the insecticide LEPTOHOS which is prohibited in the USA but has been sold for a long time in other countries,
  - having regard to the TSCA negotiations between the EEC and the USA,
1. Regrets that the US executive authorities have so far refused to pass an executive order prohibiting the exportation, in particular to the Community market, of substances which are deemed to be unfit for consumption under the provisions of US legislation;
  2. Is disturbed by such trade practices which are a threat to the health and safety of the European consumer;
  3. Points to the need to ensure that the use of permitted substances is made more directly dependent on their toxicity;
  4. Instructs its committee responsible to prepare a report on this subject.