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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr Frank CLUSKEY

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the threat to employment in the meat industry
caused by Community policy on live cattle exports

The European Parliament,

- noting the dramatic growth in live cattle exports from the Community, particularly Ireland, to third countries,
 - concerned at the effect these exports are having on employment in the meat processing industry,
 - aware also of the detrimental effects of continuing exports on Irish breeding stocks and of the other long-term disadvantages involved,
 - noting that the Community export refunds on beef and veal work to the advantage of live exports and are thus detrimental to the further development of the dead meat industry,
 - aware that there may be some laxity regarding the implementation of Community and national regulations concerning the protection of animals during international transport,
1. Believes that the threat to employment caused by the present unsatisfactory situation must be removed and all possible measures to safeguard employment in this industry by undertaken;
 2. Considers that the situation relating to the protection of animals during international transport should be examined in order to ensure the implementation of Community Directives;
 3. Is of the opinion that the level of export refunds on cattle killed and processed within the Republic of Ireland should be reassessed upwards, with a view to achieving a balance and encouraging maximum employment;
 4. Calls on the Commission to examine the situation forthwith with a view to taking action immediately, particularly in order to protect the jobs involved;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the Member States.