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Subject: FSIS 9 CFR Part 381 RIN 0583-AC97



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Jim & Myra Glick

Subject: Adverse Comment re FSIS 9 CFR Part 381 RIN 0583-AC97

Dear Sir or Madam:

We respectfully request the proposed approval to add Australia and New Zealand to the list of foreign countries that are authorized to import poultry products (Ratites only) into the United States be rejected. This action could very well be the straw that breaks the back of the American ratite industry that has been struggling so hard to get established in this country.

American farmers have managed to survive the trials of developing this new industry in America and are only now beginning to see a market emerge that may finally enable us to move to the profit side of the ledger. Many of our farmers who tried to pioneer this new alternative agricultural enterprise have already fallen into impossible financial stress or have already gone bankrupt. Those of us who have survived to this point certainly do not need our own government giving the fruits of our labors to foreign investors who historically have undermined the price levels American producers need in order to make a profit vis-à-vis US costs of labor and goods.

My wife and I have been raising Emu here in Washington State since 1992, and are at the point of finally establishing a meat industry with the general populace. There can be no doubt this poorly timed action would severely damage our self gained progress. There can also be no doubt that these foreign investors have not developed oil standards as we so costly and painstakingly did here in America in order to assure inferior products with unknown potentials don't reach the unwary American public. This action would open public exposure to this risk after all we've done to try to prevent it. Why would our own Government do such a thing?

We've watched the struggles of many small farmers who sacrificed more than you can possibly imagine to help get this industry in America going. It nearly makes us very upset to think our own Government would even consider undermining us as this act will surely do.

Please! If you can't help the American Ratite grower, please, please, please, don't help our competitors without first establishing a level playing field. Reject this ill conceived action.

We are cc'ing a copy of this letter to our Senators and state Representative in hopes they may become aware of the action you are undertaking to undermine the Ratite rancher here in the United States.

Respectfully "

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