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

Dear Sir or Madam:

I 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.

I have been an active participant in the Emu industry for over 10 years. The industry has more than struggled to get Emu by-products to market, even during a time when Australia was allowed to import emu meat to the US under nothing more than FDA regulations. At that time, the US gov. would not assist the American Emu farmer to market emu meat under FDA regulations!!! Then, in order to sell emu meat across state lines, we were forced to pay USDA inspectors \$35 per hour to inspect processing, knocking us all out of any chance to market our products.

Now, you want to open the doors to allow foreign countries to sell Emu products within the U.S., which will un-do all the hard work the Emu farmers have tried to accomplish over the past 10 years. What's wrong with this picture???

It's about time the U.S. Government do something to assist our own farmers, and stop helping non-citizens. Don't we give enough foreign aid to other countries???. Billions and billions of dollars leave our pockets to help other countries -- what about doing something to help the American farmer?

Stop the proposed regulation allowing the importation of Ratite meats from entering this country so the American Emu farmer has the opportunity to earn a living.

Sincerely,  
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