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

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please consider rejection of the proposal to approve 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. We have been working many years to get the ratite industry established in the United States and are just now being able to start seeing a profit for the many small farmers in the US who have supported this industry.

Why would the US government add this additional burden to an industry that is one of only a few that will possibly support a small family farm.

There can be no doubt this poorly timed action would severely damage our own struggling ratite industry. There also can 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?

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

Respectfully "

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