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

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am requesting, with all due respect, 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. The approval of this could well be the downfall of the American ratite industry that has been struggling to become established in this country.

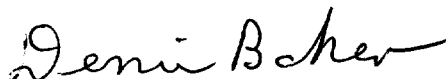
The American ratite farmer is only now beginning an upward trend in their industry that could eventually lead to a profitable business. Many, many of the ratite farmers that started this alternative agricultural enterprise have already been forced into bankruptcy or have had to get out of the business for financial reasons. We who have survived this far cannot afford for the government to allow foreign countries to come in and undermine this fragile business.

The American ratite farmer has been developing oil standards in order to assure that the oil produced here in America is of the very best quality and cannot afford for inferior products with unknown potentials reach the American public. Surely, our government would not want a foreign country to bring in inferior products and consequently harm what standards the American ratite farmer has set.

We are asking that the American government help the American ratite farmer and not allow this struggling industry to be jeopardized in anyway by allowing foreign countries to bring their oil into this country.

Thank you in advance for any and all help you can give.

Respectfully,



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