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

Dear Sir or Madam:

The American Emu Association conducted its annual Symposium this past week in Nashville, Tennessee. At this Symposium, the board of directors of the American Emu Association were directed by the full majority of the attendees, representing 660 members, that adverse comments to FSIS 9 CFR Part 381 RIN 0583-AC97 should be submitted on their behalf.

This letter is an official notification that the American Emu Association membership is against the rule change FSIS 9 CFR Part 381 RIN 0583-AC97. This letter is also notification that the American Emu Association board of directors intends to submit adverse comments regarding this rule. It is our understanding that your receipt of this notification of intent should cause a timely withdrawal to be published in the Federal Register informing the public that the rule will not take effect.

Those American farmers who have managed to survive the trials of developing this new industry in America are only now beginning to see a market emerge that may finally enable them to move to the profit side of the ledger. Many 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.

There can be no doubt that these foreign investors have also not developed the oil standards that the American emu industry has established. These standards were developed at a high cost to the American farmer when you consider the considerable research and the considerable effort that it has taken to achieve these standards. To now authorize other countries to bring their ratite products to America without those standards can place the unwary American public at risk

Respectfully,

Neil Williams/s/
President, American Emu Association