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Our comment would be in opposition to the proposed rule. After thoroughly reviewing the May 17,2005 Final Report of an Intitial Equivalence Audit covering China's Poultry Inspection System the facts do not in any way justify the proposed rule allowing import of poultry products from China. On site visits to seven plants revealed numerous serious deficiencies involving sanitation, cross contamination, and complete failure to understand FSIS requirements. Also noted were serious deficiencies in recordkeeping and vital portions of HAACP and SSOPs. It seems that with the current status of Avian Influenza, the questionable infrastructure for animal health and public health combined with the findings of the FSIS audit in China that any import allowances for food products at this time would unnecessarily present public and animal health risks to the American people. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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