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General Comment:I am writing to oppose the use of the term "natural" on meat products. I think this is a confusing, misleading label. I myself thought the term "natural" on a meat product was a reference not only to an antibiotic, hormone-free diet for the animals, but also a reference to some sort of humane treatment of the animals before they were slaughtered. I have learned through Farm Sanctuary that this label does not mean the animals were treated humanely or were spared genetic alterations or routine doses of antibiotics. There is nothing "natural" about an animal spending its brief life in a two-foot-wide enclosure, being force-fed an extremely rich diet, being debeaked, or being denied instinctual social interaction.

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As a taxpayer who is increasingly concerned about the cruelty of factory farming, I ask you to please discontinue the use of the term "natural" on factory-farmed meat products. Thank you for your time.

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Sincerely,

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