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RE: Docket No. FSIS 2006-0040  
Docket Clerk,  
U.S. Department of Agriculture,  
Food Safety and Inspection Service,  
300 12th Street, SW.,  
Room 102, Cotton Annex,  
Washington, DC 20250.

RE: Docket No. FSIS 2006-0040, Product Labeling: Definition of the Term "Natural"

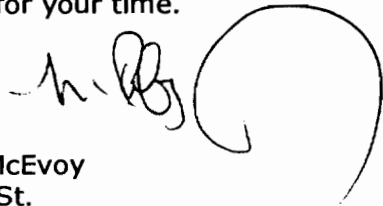
I'm writing in opposition to the use of the "natural" label on factory farmed meat products. The term "natural," in its relation to our meat products, is misleading, vague, and inappropriate.

"Natural" meat can include genetically altered animal products, animals packed by the thousands in unnatural, crowded, warehouse-like factories, as well as animals unable to experience natural outdoor environments, fulfill their basic instincts. "Natural" meat products can also come from animals that routinely receive growth hormones, antibiotics, and unnaturally rich diets. Obviously, none of these conditions are natural.

I urge you to not use or allow the use of "natural" on any meat products.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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