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To: FSIS Docket Clerk, Docket # 00-036A

I am writing to urge you not to change the rules that would allow foreign beef cattle to be labeled as U.S. beef if the cattle were in the U.S. for 100 days prior to slaughter.

I believe that the definition of U.S. cattle and beef products for labelling purposes should be "Born, Raised, Slaughtered, and processed in the United States."

Any other definition would mislead U.S. consumers and the integrity of the U.S. Beef industry. I am a consumer and not a farmer or rancher. But I feel very strongly as a consumer about this issue. The health and safety of my family depend on honest labelling.

I have strongly opposed to the petition submitted in September, 2000 which allowed this clearly misleading labeling.

Sincerely,
Pam Nelson