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FSIS Docket Clerk
Docket 02-015DF, Room 102
Cotton Annex
300 C Street, SW.
Washington, DC 20250-3700

Dear FSIS:

It has come to my attention that there is a new ruling for the importation of ratite products from New Zealand and Australia into the United States. This seems to put foreign goods on the same footing as goods from the tax-paying citizens of the United States. I manage our emu ranch here in Minnesota, and formally protest this as it is difficult enough to start a new industry, let alone have so much competition from abroad. I, therefore, on behalf of myself and my emus, do ask that this rule not be placed into affect as it will impact us adversely.

Sincerely,



Marcia Huddleston, Owner
North Country Emu Ranch