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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 represent an agricultural co-op of 76 emu raisers in Minnesota, North Dakota and Wisconsin and we 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 all our co-op member emu growers, do ask that this rule not be placed into affect as it will impact us adversely.

Sincerely,

Marcia Huddleston, General Manager
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