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Gentlemen:

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Marvin Kays

I am responding to the above proposal to lift import restrictions for ratites and ratite products from Australia and New Zealand. I am very much AGAINST doing this.

The American ostrich Industry is struggling and is making some progress in educating the American public in the healthful benefits of the ostrich meat. We suffered a severe set back in the early 1990s when other countries flooded the American ostrich hide market. Please don't deliver us the final death blow to this industry.

Respectfully yours,
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