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Dear Sir or Madam:

As an American emu grower, I would like to request that the proposed approval to add Australia and New Zealand to the list of foreign countries that are authorized to import ratite products to the United States be "rejected".

The American emu farmer has struggled for years trying to develop a market for our products. We are only now beginning to see a market emerge that may finally enable us to make some profit after years of struggling to keep our farms going. This has been done by "Americans", we need the support of our own government, to REJECT this proposal. There can be no doubt this poorly timed action would damage our own struggling ratite industry, forcing more ratite farmers into bankruptcy.

USDA needs to stand behind the American emu farmer and help us get the processing plants we need before we open up imports to foreign countries. Please "REJECT" this proposal.

Respectfully,

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