

FSIS Regulations

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Rejection of Subject: 9 CFR Part 381 (Docket No. 02-015DF) RIN 0583-AC97

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Dear Sir:

Emu Farming in the United States is only about ten years old and the American emu farmer has struggled to make it a viable agriculture enterprise. It has been the ingenuity and hard work of these farmers that has established processing plants, put in place certification guidelines, educated the public about the emu, funded research, and finally brought our product to market. During this process, many were unable to stand the financial losses and have gone bankrupt. Those of us that have survived are finally beginning to see a profit for the many years we have had the fortitude to prevail.

Australian emu oil is already impacting the pricing structure by selling oil for about half of what it costs to produce. Now is NOT the time to break the back of our fledgling industry by allowing cheap, foreign products to reap the benefits of the hard work of the American emu farmer.

We are small hands-on farmers, not huge farming entities and it is our livelihood that is being threatened. I ask on behalf of all our farmers, many who have become friends, to reject this action.

Hard copy of this letter is in the mail but I wanted to be sure it was received.

Respectfully,

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