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USDA Food Safety Inspection Service  
Docket 03-025IF  
Room 102, Cotton Annex  
300 12th and C Street SW  
Washington DC 20250-3700

and via email <[FSIS.Regulations@usda.gov](mailto:FSIS.Regulations@usda.gov)>

Dear USDA:

We are glad you are banning the use of meat from non-ambulatory cows, but the ban should include all farmed animals, with a provision that would prohibit the transportation of downed animals.

Basic human decency demands that these injured and suffering animals be put out of their misery immediately — as soon as they are discovered — whether they are at farms, feedlots, or slaughterhouses.

We urge you to amend the proposed regulations so that humane concerns are addressed.

Thank you,

Kim Bartlett, publisher