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FSIS Docket Clerk
Docket 03-025IF
Room 102, Cotton Annex
300 12th and C Street SW.
Washington, DC 20250-3700

Dear USDA:

I want to thank you for the emergency measures to ban the slaughter of downed cattle for human consumption. I beg you to make the ban permanent for human safety and to avoid animal suffering. Please include all downed animals – sheep, pigs and other livestock, as well as cattle – in the final ban. Finally, I beseech you to add a requirement that all downed animals be humanely euthanized immediately, wherever they become downed.

Thank you and I trust that the USDA will do make the right decision.

Sincerely,



Michelle G Swanson