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RE: Docket No. FSIS 2006-0040 **Product Labeling: Definition of the Term "Natural"**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Please add my comments to the official record.

I am <u>appalled</u> that Hormel Foods wants to use the term, "natural," on its products. What could be <u>more UNNATURAL</u> than these over processed, unhealthy products?

These and other similar products are produced from animals whose genetic alterations force unnaturally fast growth, unnaturally high hormone levels, unnatural body shapes, and health problems certainly NOT intended by nature.

Furthermore, there is nothing natural about the way these animals are forced to live: overcrowding, lack of fresh air, little or no sunlight, diets unnatural to their species, the routine use of antibiotics, painful mutations, etc.

Factory farming and their processed products are distinctly UNNATURAL. To make matters worse, the artificially inflated number of animals produce dire environmental consequences.

DO NOT LET Hormel and others like Hormal abuse the term, "natural."

We need a return to balanced living, not insanity that produces misleading labels, myriad diet-related diseases, and near-uncontrollable pollution of air, soil and water.

Sincerely,

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