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**Re: Docket No. 02N-0273 – Substances Prohibited From use in Animal Food Or Feed; Animal Proteins Prohibited in Ruminant Feed; Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking [Federal Register: November 6, 2002 (Volume 67, Number 215)] [Proposed Rules] [Page 67572-67573]**

Dear Sir/Madam:

As animal scientists involved in research and education regarding agricultural animals, the Federation of Animal Science Societies (FASS) is very concerned about the animal food product safety, as impacted by emerging animal diseases. Therefore, the FASS Committee on Food Safety, Animal Drugs and Animal Health submits these attached comments regarding the ANPR on the BSE feed rule. We will restrict our comments to the areas concerning animal feeding and nutrition.

We ask that FDA take our comments seriously as you proceed. FASS scientists stand ready to interpret existing and new scientific information and to provide technical and scientific information through research and education. If we can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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