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On January 14, 2000, Canada's Health Department rejected the approval of the recombinant Bovine Growth Hormone - a drug injected into cattle to increase milk production. Health Canada rejected rBGH on animal health grounds, citing evidence that treated animals have a 25% higher rate of udder infections, an 18% higher rate of infertility, and a 50% increase in lameness. The approval process was full of controversy, with Canadian government officials accusing rBGH-maker Monsanto of trying to bribe them with offers of \$1 to \$2 million.

Canada did the right thing in banning rBGH.

It should be banned in the US as well.

Sincerely,



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