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RE: docket #98P-0151/CP1 Downed animals slaughter

Dear Sirs:

I implore you to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals in which the meat is then sold for human consumption.

The sick and diseased animals harbor various types of bacteria some of which can be Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy or "Mad Cow Disease" -linked to a fatal human illness.

The more I learn about factory farming these days and the mistreatment of animals in our food chain the more I've moved my family to becoming total vegetarians. No one knows the effects all the hormones and antibiotics pumped into animals has on humans. All the cancers and other illnesses are no doubt directly related to the food we eat. If an animal is too sick to stand it can't be good to eat!

There's no excuse,(except for sheer cruelty) to mistreat, beat, drag and bulldoze an injured animal then sell the meat for humans. The whole practice is totally disgusting to me! If the animals are cared for properly in the first place they shouldn't get sick. If they are sick handle the situation humanely and safely for all concerned.

PLEASE, don't allow the slaughter of downed animals for human consumption. Call for better treatment of all farm animals to prevent the problem in the first place.

Sincerely,

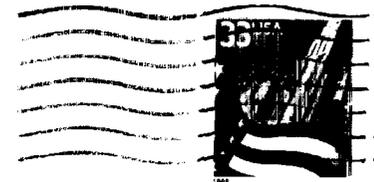
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