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DEAR DOCKET SUPERVISOR,

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THE BEEFING OF NON-AMBULATORY ("DOWNED") CATTLE VIOLATES FSIS DIRECTIVE 6900.- HUMANE HANDLING OF DISABLED LIVESTOCK [11/2/98]

THIS PROCEDURE HAS CAUSED UNTHINKABLE, CONTINUING ANIMAL AGONY AND UNNECESSARY HEALTH HAZARDS TO HUMAN BEINGS.

EVEN THE U.S.D.A.'S A.M.S. HAS REVISED ITS PURCHASING POLICY RE. THE PURCHASE OF SUCH "DOWNER" CARCASSES, IN CONNECTION WITH ITS NAT'L. SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM - 2000 - 2001.

REMOVING THE "DOWNER'-TRADE" WILL SIMULTANEOUSLY REMOVE ANY TRADE INCENTIVE TO PROFIT FROM SUCH MISFORTUNES: CHAIN-DRAGGING &/OR TRACTOR-PUSHING PRODUCES BROKEN BONES &/OR TORN LIGAMENTS: THERE IS NO FORGIVING WAY TO MOVE "DOWNED" CATTLE!

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RELATED TO BSE ("MAD COW DISEASE") & LINKED TO THE FATAL CJD (CREUTZFELDT-JAKOB DISEASE).

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