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US Food and Drug Administration
Dockets Management Branch
5630 Fishers Lane Room 1061
Rockville MD 20852

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Re: Docket #98P-0151/CP1

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This is to ask that you grant the above referenced petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. There is very little economic reason to include non-ambulatory or "downed" animals in food production and the reasons to exclude them are compelling:

- Health risks associated with disease or injury including "mad cow disease".
- Inhuman treatment of the animals because they cannot walk and must be pushed or pulled with machinery.
- Most injuries can be prevented by better care and handling, therefore removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive to industry to prevent this situation.

Thank you for your attention and serious consideration to end a practice that should not exist.

Sincerely,

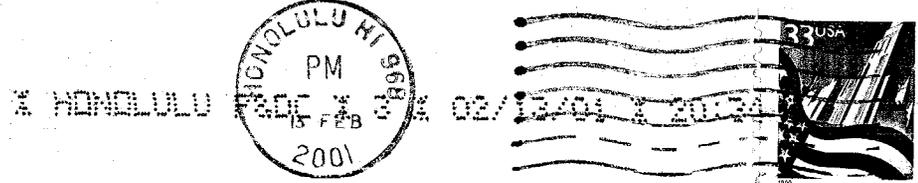


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