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RE: Docket No. 97N-0217

Pristine Springs supports FDA's proposal to facilitate approvals for minor use animal drugs. The aquaculture industry has historically had to operate with minimal availability of approved therapeutics. Regulatory agencies have always taken a sympathetic stance knowing that other animal husbandry industries have a much wider array of therapeutics to work with. However, aquaculture is a small enough industry that drug companies have not been willing to invest the funds required to meet federal requirements for clearance.

The drug clearance void within our industry continue to be a major stumbling block to our success and Pristine Springs strongly supports the FDA's efforts to facilitate programs which will advance approval for minor use animal drugs.

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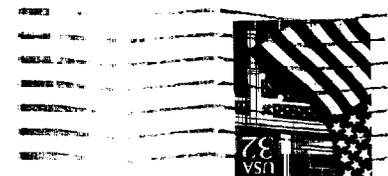
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