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Dear FDA, 6337 '99 AUG 17 P2:12

We are writing regarding the following docket numbers: 98N-1230; 96P-0418; and 97P-0197. Forced molting of chickens is not only cruel and stressful, but also directly leads to increased incidence of salmonella enteritidis since molting destroys the starved and weakened immune systems of these chickens.

The FDA has the authority to ban farm practices such as forced molting and we feel you also have the duty to stop a practice that has been linked directly to causing or encouraging salmonella in eggs and chickens. The April 1998 petition to ban forced molting should be acknowledged and granted.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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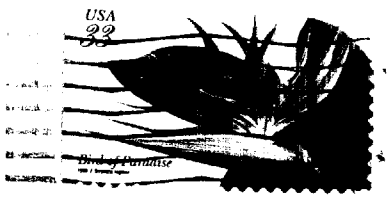

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