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Dear Sirs,

We understand that the Food and Drug Administration is currently accepting comment on factory farming, directed at the conditions and suffering of chicken.

The whole process of factory farming and farming conditioned under cruelty rules has proved the mistake that could be anticipated; in fact sometimes worse than than imagined. It would be deemed as such by our group as the result of a vivisection experiment and as such not or never to be trusted.

The cruelty element already evident, all these animals have suffered even more and much more abuse than in the prior practices. As such they have become diseased and even driven to madness in the unnatural conditions and "life" as it would be forced upon them. All this resultant in human disease and fear of their mistreated bodies being laid before them for consumption. The lists of medical need for the farmed animals is very long and the results from BSE, BTV and many more have only negated the happier results from superior and advised practice. Speaking of hens again in their diminutive cages, high stacked in the unhealthy ammonia fumes, they suffer from being starved or "force-molted" in the United States of America; deprived thus occasioned decidedly adds to the cruelty aspect.

While the situation (of factory farming or a forced but unhealthy uniformity) is on sight deplorable this letter applies particularly to the chicken, where in this country cruelty of this sort gradually became the norm.

We know not only your correspondence would ask you to now adopt a more acceptable view and concur more with the former first rules on keeping animals, where at least a freedom can be known, acceptable feeding, living conditions and even better attention.

Production would appear to be more the main aim would be far better accepted on a common level or otherwise and the

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animals could only thrive more in a properly instituted programme or new view. Humans too if they still ate meat etcetera could no longer be prone to results such as from the resultant Foot and Mouth Disease or other. Such features will not go away while the worst cruelty or otherwise only dominates.

Hoping our letter can go some way to "freeing" such animals, possibly reminding more of the vegan or vegetarian diets and all that they might stand more and a better and much brighter economy on the whole issue that cannot be dominated by the "rules" as we have posed them,

Yours faithfully,

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