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Re: Docket # 2002N-0273
Substances Prohibited From Use In Animal Food Or Feed

Dear Sirs;

This letter is in response to the FDA's invitation to comment on docket # 2002N-0273 substances prohibited from use in animal food or feed.

I disagree that any further action involving the rule is necessary do to the following reasons.

The 1997 fed rule is working with very good compliance.

The removal of cattle brain and spinal cords for animal feed would pose economic and environmental issues with the possibility of increased risks of diseases other than (BSE).

The removal of these cattle materials from the rendering process to landfill application would add additional biological load to our already strained environmental resources.

I do agree with the comments from the National Renderers Association regarding this docket and the 2005 Rendering Industry Study by Informa Economics and would ask the (FDA) to seriously consider this information.

As a production manager of a rendering facility in a rural county of South Carolina we know that our current landfill is operating at a maximum load and our local government does not presently have the resources to consider other options. Our watershed has been listed as an impacted stream and biological total maximum daily loads established.

Due to the exportation of textile jobs our economy is dependant on the meat processing industry, farming, and the local rendering facility. Please consider us before taking action.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Ricky Brunson
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