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This petition to the United States Department of Agriculture seeks to amend 9 CFR 310.18(a), which states that, Livestock shall not be saved and sold for use as human food".

This petition highlights a concern brought by one of the first petitioners to USDA that the rule in question dates back to 1971, during a time when, understandably, food safety concerns were on the rise, especially among bovine and ovine species.

Nevertheless, the rule has shown to be a static measure behind existing times and explicitly bans food products that derive directly or as a byproduct from animal lungs. Most nations, such as the United Kingdom, Canada, Peru, and even Mexico, consume large amounts of the lung from cattle and sheep out of cultural tradition, which is something the U.S. has experienced before that unilateral ban.

As it currently stands, the USDA's 50-year-old animal lung ban is more than a step behind in matters of existence and intent. Food safety, firstly, is a science that evolves with time and benefits from sound, up-to-date regulations that promote trade and safety, not unilateral, useless prohibitionism.

To date, those countries have not experienced in recent years any significant health hazards arising from the consumption of animal lungs. The ban USDA still adopts has an opportunity for an amendment to allow lings for human consumption while condemning the sale, distribution, or importation of diseased lungs.

I appreciate your timely response reflecting this petition concerning this outdated rule.

Sincerely and respectfully,

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