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ASSOCIATIONS PETITION TO EXCLUDE NON-AMBULATORY CATTLE

OAKLAND, CA – National Meat Association, American Meat Institute and National Milk Producers Federation today filed a Citizen Petition with the USDA’s Food Safety and Inspection Service to exclude all non-ambulatory cattle from entering the food supply.

This would require regulations be changed to revoke FSIS public health veterinarians’ discretion on cattle that have become non-ambulatory after passing ante-mortem inspection.

“We want to send a clear message to consumers that we’re putting their concerns ahead of economics. We’ve pledged to encourage companies to voluntarily discontinue the use of non-ambulatory cattle until FSIS has issued a rule affecting our requested change,” said NMA CEO & Executive Director Barry Carpenter.

National Meat Association is a non-profit trade association. Since 1946, NMA has represented meat packers and processors, equipment manufacturers and food suppliers who provide services to the meat industry. The association has members throughout the United States, as well as in Canada, Australia and Mexico.