



December 13, 2018

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Re: Resolution 16: Equine Euthanasia and Disposal

Dear Dr. Haas:

Thank you for your November 19, 2018, letter sent to Commissioner Gottlieb, Dr. Ostroff, and Dr. Mayne, sharing Resolution Number 16: Equine Euthanasia and Disposal.

We understand that you are urging the Food and Drug Administration to develop formal, safe tolerance levels for residues of euthanasia and anesthetic agents, particularly pentobarbital, in final products of rendering.

We have received other similar requests and are considering them we develop options for addressing pentobarbital residues. As you can imagine, this issue is complex, and we recognize that we will need to seek additional input from stakeholders as we develop an appropriate, risk-based approach.

Again, thank you for your letter and for your continued work protecting animal and public health.

Sincerely

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