

## **Draft Information Standard for Free Range Egg Labelling**

As a general comment I am very concerned that the draft Information Standard for Free Range Egg Labelling will not be readily enforced.

But I am concerned in particular that the definition of free range eggs in the proposed Standard is so vague that I and other concerned consumers will not know whether the hens were really able to be outdoors most of the time.

Specificity as to what real access will look like must be included.

Accordingly I ask that the Standard provide that birds' access to an outdoor range be the routine rather than the exception. The following must be addressed so as to give specificity to the terminology "meaningful and regular access":

- 1 flock size and stocking densities inside the barn;
- 2 size of openings relative to the number of hens;
- 3 placement of physical structures and architecture inside the barn;
- 4 the condition of the outdoor range including providing adequate shelter, foliage and vegetation; and
- 5 the extent to which hens actually access the range.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests

Yours sincerely

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