

A Pledge to Go Clone Free

From Food Companies, Grocers, Producers, and Restaurants

Background

The Food and Drug Administration has approved the unlabeled introduction of cloned animals and their offspring into the U.S. food supply.

Consumer opposition to animal cloning continues to increase, with 77% of consumers uncomfortable with cloned food products, according to a 2008 Food Marketing Institute poll.

Cloning raises numerous human health, animal welfare, economic, environmental, and ethical concerns.

Scientific research shows that nine out of ten cloned embryos fail to reach healthy adulthood, and clones suffer from a long list of diseases, physical deformities, and physiological abnormalities. Some genetic abnormalities can pass down to their offspring.

The National Organic Standards Board has declared that cloned animals and their offspring cannot be certified organic.

Approximately 25% of consumers have stated they would switch to purchasing only certified organic meat and dairy products if they could not tell which products were from cloned animals.

Pledge

We pledge that we will take steps to avoid any products or ingredients derived from cloned animals or their offspring, and we will not knowingly accept, purchase, or sell any such products;

We urge implementation of a nationwide traceability system to ensure that cloned animals and their offspring can be identified; and

We urge that a mandatory moratorium be placed on the entry of cloned animals and their offspring into the food and feed supply, as well as products derived from such animals, until such a system can be implemented.

Companies that sign the above pledge will be listed on our web registry, www.GoCloneFree.org, to inform consumers of those companies committed to supplying food free of cloned animals or their offspring.

Company Name*

Address

Phone

Fax

Website URL*

Comments (optional)*

Company Official (Please Sign)

Company Official (Please Print)

Title

Date

Please return signed pledge forms to:

Center for Food Safety

2601 Mission Street, Suite 803

San Francisco, CA 94110

Or fax forms to: 415-826-0507

Email: info@GoCloneFree.org

Phone: 415-826-2770

**Only your company name, website, and comments will be made public. Your contact information will not be shared.*

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▪ Center for Food Safety ▪ Center for Environmental Health ▪ Consumers Union ▪ Consumer Federation of America
▪ Farm Sanctuary ▪ Food and Water Watch ▪ Food Animal Concerns Trust ▪ Friends of the Earth
▪ The Humane Society of the United States ▪ In Defense of Animals ▪ MSPCA ▪ National Anti-Vivisection Society
▪ Organic Consumers Association ▪ World Society for the Protection of Animals