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Mr. Sholom Y. Gross, Executive Director International Kashrus Association P. 0. Box 163 Dyker Heights Station Brooklyn, New York 11228

Dear Mr. Gross:

I have been asked to respond to your July 25, 1977 letter, to Commissioner Barber, in which you asked questions concerning vaccination of poultry.

It is my understanding that almost 100% of chickens commercially grown in the United States today are vaccinated or immunized against one or more diseases.

There are various methods of administration of vaccines and biologics. Some are given by injection, some by an aerosol spray. Sometimes a flock is immunized against a particular disease by deliberately infecting a small percentage of the flock at an early age. The infected birds spread the disease to the remainder of the flock and, upon recovery, a high percentage of the birds will have developed an immunity. Sometimes the immunizing agent is administered by instilling it within the nasal passage or within the cloaca.

We have no information concerning the methods of immunization used by particular hatcheries and poultry growers in New York State and the Denver, Colorado area.

You may be able to obtain additional information concerning the current recommended methods of immunization of poultry from one of the commercial suppliers of vaccines and biologics. There are many such concerns in this country. Listed here are the names and addresses of two, Salsbury Laboratories, Charles City, Iowa 50616 and Sterwin Laboratories Inc., Millsboro, Delaware 19966.