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**INQUIRY INTO USE OF BATTERY CAGES FOR HENS IN
THE EGG PRODUCTION INDUSTRY**

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Caging birds is extremely cruel especially in the egg industry. The suffering birds experience being caged is deplorable. It is outrageous that caging birds is even legal. Please stop allowing the torturous practice of caging hens for eggs being legal. Animal cruelty is not ok and the farming industry should not be exempt from laws protecting animals from cruelty. Caging animals is wrong and should never have been legal. All animals deserve the basic right to be able to function properly; to socialised and experience the world around them. To learn and use their brain to it's full potential. To deprive any animal of the their basic needs to use their brain, by inflicting sensory deprivation caused by locking them in barren cages causes immense suffering not just physically but also psychologically. Suffering is not unique to humans, all sentient beings can suffer and their is no logical and justifiable reason to ignore cruelty inflicted on them especially when it is only for profit. All animals are sentient beings. Birds are sentient and they suffer immensely in battery cages. Please ban this outrageous practice of forcing birds to live in cages so small they can't even spread their wings.