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

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I have seen the aftermath of battery hens and what condition they are in. It is barbaric and cruel. I have taken on 30 ex shed hens and their condition was appalling. After 7 months of tlc they are now healthy and still laying. They apparently stop laying, probably because of the stress they are under. They are all debeaked. Some were missing feathers and were red raw. I can't believe this country is still allowing animal cruelty like this just to make the almighty profit. Animal exploitation needs to stop and it needs to stop with us the consumer. You have a duty of care and can stop this barbaric industry.