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2 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
3 **FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
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5 NATIONAL MEAT ASSOCIATION,

CASE NO. CV-F-08-1963 LJO DLB

6 Plaintiff,

**ORDER ON *EX PARTE* APPLICATION
TO EXTEND THE HEARING DATE ON
THE MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY
INJUNCTION**

7 and

8 AMERICAN MEAT INSTITUTE,

9 Plaintiff-Intervenor

10 v.

11 EDMUND GERALD BROWN, et. al,

12 Defendants.
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14 The Court has received and reviewed defendants' *ex parte* application for a two week extension
15 of the hearing date on the motion for preliminary injunction. The Court has also received and reviewed
16 plaintiff's opposition to the extension.

17 The Court GRANTS the request for a two week extension. The Court has nothing before it to
18 explain why this action was brought nearly six months after section 599f was amended and/or why the
19 motion was timed during the holiday season when counsel could be expected to be disengaged from
20 their offices. Accordingly, the hearing on the motion for preliminary injunction is CONTINUED to
21 February 11, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. The parties are directed to comply with Local Rule 78-230 for filing any
22 opposition and reply papers. If counsel wish to appear at the hearing by conference call, they must
23 arrange a one line call and TIMELY telephone the Court that morning at 559-499-5680.

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26 IT IS SO ORDERED.

27 **Dated: January 9, 2009**

/s/ Lawrence J. O'Neill
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE