

Dear Valued Customer,

Tyson Fresh Meats beef operations are in full compliance with the BSE and AMR related regulations, including verification activities and guidance published in following documents:

- Federal Register, published 7/13/07: 9 CFR PART 309, 310 and 318 et al. *Prohibition of the Use of Specified Risk Materials for Human Food and Requirements for the Disposition of Non-Ambulatory Disable Cattle; Prohibition of the Use of Certain Stunning Devices Use to Immobilize Cattle During Slaughter; BSE Final Rule*
- USDA Notice 56-07, Directive 6100.1 & Directive 6100.4

This letter certifies that meat products produced from the establishments listed below:

- Are derived from animals which were not stunned with devices that inject compressed air into the cranial cavity, or with a pithing process involving laceration [after stunning] of the animal's central nervous system tissue by means of an elongated rod-shaped instrument that is introduced into the animal's cranial cavity.
- Do not contain specified risk materials including skull, brain, trigeminal ganglia, eyes, spinal cord, dorsal root ganglia, and vertebral column¹ from animals aged 30 months of age and older, and the small intestine and tonsils from bovine animals of all ages. The definition of SRMs contained within the vertebral column excludes the vertebrae of the tail, the transverse processes of the thoracic and lumbar vertebrae, and the wings of the sacrum.
- Do not contain mechanically separated meat from the skull and vertebral column of animals aged 30 months and older.

This information applies to all beef slaughter and processing facilities in the Tyson Fresh Meats group, as listed below.

245E Amarillo, TX
245C Dakota City, NE
245 Denison, IA
245D Emporia, KS
278 Holcomb, KS
245J Joslin, IL
245L Lexington, NE
9268 Pasco, WA

In 1997, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) banned the use of "prohibited mammalian protein" in cattle finishing rations (i.e., ruminant meat & bone meal) for ruminant animals². The FDA ban was implemented to prevent the amplification of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) into the U.S. cattle herd.

In support of this effort, all direct suppliers of cattle are required to certify to Tyson their compliance to the FDA ruminant feeding ban for "prohibited mammalian protein" (ruminant meat & bone meal). This requirement applies to the owner/ agent of cattle that are slaughtered at any Tyson Fresh Meats beef slaughter facility in the USA. Cattle feeders are required to keep invoices and labeling for all feed they receive that contains animal protein products, whether or not the animal protein is prohibited (required by CFR 589. 2000).

All Tyson Fresh Meats cattle suppliers sign a Prohibited Feed/ Antibiotic Affidavit annually. Adherence to the Tyson Prohibited Feed / Antibiotic Affidavit Program is monitored at Tyson officials at least once per year.



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¹ The only product containing vertebral column (excluding the vertebrae of the tail, the transverse processes of the thoracic and lumbar vertebrae and the wings of the sacrum), from animals 30 months of age or older that is shipped from these establishments are carcass sides or quarters. Carcasses derived from animals 30 months of age or older are clearly marked and described as such on the Bill of Lading (BOL) and Manifest.

² Federal Register Publication date 6/5/97: 21 CFR Part 589.2000. Substances prohibited from use in animal food or feed; Animal proteins prohibited in ruminant feed.