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Dear Valued Customer,

Please be advised that 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*
- Notice 56-07
- Directive 6100.1
- Directive 6100.4

Further, all plants listed below have conducted reassessments based upon this information and awareness meetings and program review with in-plant inspection.

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.

This information applies to all beef slaughter and processing facilities in the Tyson Fresh Meats group<sup>1</sup>, as listed below.

Establishment	Location
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 their cattle finishing rations (i.e., ruminant meat and bone meal) for ruminant animals<sup>2</sup>. The FDA ban was implemented to prevent the introduction 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 and bone meal). This requirement applies to the owner/ agent of cattle that are slaughtered at any Tyson beef slaughter facility (USDA and Canada). 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 cattle suppliers sign a Prohibited Feed/ Antibiotic Affidavit annually. Adherence to the Tyson Prohibited Feed/ Antibiotic Affidavit Program is monitored at Tyson plant and corporate levels minimally twice per year.

Respectfully,

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<sup>1</sup> Establishment #'s 245G Boise, ID, 245N Norfolk, NE and 245B West Point, NE were compliant with FSIS standards until the closure of these facilities in 2006. However, product from these facilities may still be available from freezer inventories.

<sup>2</sup> 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.