



July 31, 2007

GURRENTZ INTERNATIONAL
ATTN: Jim Davis
Sent Via Fax: 760.782.0362

Dear Jim,

Please be aware that Washington Beef, LLC is operating in full compliance with all USDA regulations regarding BSE and SRM removal. This includes those that went into effect January 12, 2004; the emergency announcement concerning non-ambulatory animals issued by Secretary Veneman on December 30, 2003; and FSIS Notice 58-05 effective October 7, 2005 regarding changes in the status of the small intestine.

Specifically our program includes the following:

- Our definition of non-ambulatory animals is consistent with that contained in 9 CFR 309.2(b). We do not allow any non-ambulatory animals to enter our process.
- We do not allow any animal that has been tested for BSE to enter our process
- We do not use air-injection stunning.
- We do not utilize any Advanced Meat Recovery processes.
- We are aware of the Specified Risk Materials that have been defined in the regulations.
- We are determining animal age and identifying those 30 months and greater in age for proper removal of SRM's. All SRM's, as defined by the regulation, are removed during our production processes. We do not ship any product to other establishments for subsequent removal of SRM's.
- We require our cattle suppliers to be in compliance with FDA CFR 21 Part 589.2000 which prohibits feeding of meat and bone meal from ruminant sources to ruminant animals.

We are in full compliance with FSIS Notice # 4-04 (exclusion of SRM's) and FSIS Notice # 58-05 (exclusion specifically of the distal ileum of the small intestine) concerning re-assessment of our HACCP program and review of our processing procedures to ensure that Washington Beef, LLC products are free of materials that present the risk of transmitting BSE infectivity to humans. We have written control programs for each of our production divisions to address all BSE issues covered in the regulations.

Please contact me if you have further question or if there is additional information I can provide. We appreciate the opportunity to do business with your company and your mutual support of our food safety programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Alison A. Nolz' followed by a stylized flourish.

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Director of Quality Assurance

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