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To Whom It May Concern:

National Beef Pathogen Quarterly Verification Testing

This letter is to convey the results of National Beef Packing’s cloth sampling verification testing. In FSIS Notice 65-07, it is suggested that a best practice for producers of raw materials that will be utilized in raw, non-intact product perform a “verification” test. National Beef performs this “Verification Testing” under protocols described in “National Beef Process Assessment Testing” on a routine basis. The fundamentals of this program are that a “lot” that has been sampled under robust cloth sampling program and tested using an approved DNA test (Hygiena BAX) and found to be negative. This lot is then ground and sampled using robust protocols and is tested using an approved DNA Test (Hygiena BAX). Starting September 2012 National Beef added Non O157:H7 STEC testing to the testing process.

During the month of January, or Quarter 1 for 2024, this testing was performed at National Beef – Liberal, KS (Est. 208A), National Beef – Dodge City, KS (Est. 262) and Iowa Premium Tama, IA (Est. 8). Here are the results:

Plant:	Dodge
Date of Test	1/16/2024
Original Lot Identification:	Lot # 3 - 20302683
N60 ECH7 Sampling Result:	Negative
N60 sTEC Sampling Result	N/A
Laboratory N60 was tested	Dodge Food Safety Center
Process Assessment Lot Identification:	PA Lot # 3 - 20302683
Process Assessment ECH7 Result:	Negative
Process Assessment sTEC Result:	Negative
Laboratory Process Assessment was tested	Dodge Food Safety Center
Sample 3rd Party Monitored/Who	N/A

Plant:	Liberal
Date of Test	1/16/2024
Original Lot Identification:	10664366
N60 ECH7 Sampling Result:	Negative
N60 sTEC Sampling Result	N/A
Laboratory N60 was tested	Liberal Food Safety Center
Process Assessment Lot Identification:	10664366
Process Assessment ECH7 Result:	Negative
Process Assessment sTEC Result:	Negative
Laboratory Process Assessment was tested	Liberal Food Safety Center
Sample 3rd Party Monitored/Who	N/A



Plant:	Tama
Date of Test	1/16/2024
Original Lot Identification:	50068244
N60 Sampling Result:	Negative
N60 sTEC Sampling Result	N/A
Laboratory N60 was tested	Eurofins
Process Assessment Lot Identification:	50068244
Process Assessment Result:	Negative
Process Assessment sTEC Result:	Negative
Laboratory Process Assessment was tested	Eurofins
Sample 3rd Party Monitored/Who	N/A

During the month of February, or Quarter 1 for 2024, this testing was performed at National Beef – Liberal, KS (Est. 208A), National Beef – Dodge City, KS (Est. 262) and Iowa Premium Tama, IA (Est. 8). Here are the results:

Plant:	Dodge
Date of Test	2/27/2024
Original Lot Identification:	Lot # 10 - 20320947
N60 ECH7 Sampling Result:	Negative
N60 sTEC Sampling Result	N/A
Laboratory N60 was tested	Dodge Food Safety Center
Process Assessment Lot Identification:	PA Lot # 10 - 20320947
Process Assessment ECH7 Result:	Negative
Process Assessment sTEC Result:	Negative
Laboratory Process Assessment was tested	Dodge Food Safety Center
Sample 3rd Party Monitored/Who	N/A

Plant:	Liberal
Date of Test	2/27/2024
Original Lot Identification:	ID # 10674460
N60 ECH7 Sampling Result:	Negative
N60 sTEC Sampling Result	N/A
Laboratory N60 was tested	Liberal Food Safety Center
Process Assessment Lot Identification:	ID # 10674460
Process Assessment ECH7 Result:	Negative
Process Assessment sTEC Result:	Negative
Laboratory Process Assessment was tested	Liberal Food Safety Center
Sample 3rd Party Monitored/Who	N/A



Plant:	Tama
Date of Test	2/27/2024
Original Lot Identification:	50077522
N60 Sampling Result:	Negative
N60 sTEC Sampling Result	N/A
Laboratory N60 was tested	Eurofins
Process Assessment Lot Identification:	50077522
Process Assessment Result:	Negative
Process Assessment sTEC Result:	Negative
Laboratory Process Assessment was tested	Eurofins
Sample 3rd Party Monitored/Who	N/A

During the month of March, or Quarter 1 for 2024, this testing was performed at National Beef – Liberal, KS (Est. 208A), National Beef – Dodge City, KS (Est. 262) and Iowa Premium Tama, IA (Est. 8). Here are the results:

Plant:	Dodge
Date of Test	3/14/2024
Original Lot Identification:	Lot # 8 - 20326666
N60 ECH7 Sampling Result:	Negative
N60 sTEC Sampling Result	N/A
Laboratory N60 was tested	Dodge Food Safety Center
Process Assessment Lot Identification:	PA Lot # 8 - 20326666
Process Assessment ECH7 Result:	Negative
Process Assessment sTEC Result:	Negative
Laboratory Process Assessment was tested	Dodge Food Safety Center
Sample 3rd Party Monitored/Who	N/A

Plant:	Liberal
Date of Test	3/12/2024
Original Lot Identification:	10677640
N60 ECH7 Sampling Result:	Negative
N60 sTEC Sampling Result	N/A
Laboratory N60 was tested	Liberal Food Safety Center
Process Assessment Lot Identification:	10677640
Process Assessment ECH7 Result:	Negative
Process Assessment sTEC Result:	Negative
Laboratory Process Assessment was tested	Liberal Food Safety Center
Sample 3rd Party Monitored/Who	N/A



Plant:	Tama
Date of Test	3/13/2024
Original Lot Identification:	50081003
N60 Sampling Result:	Negative
N60 sTEC Sampling Result	N/A
Laboratory N60 was tested	Eurofins
Process Assessment Lot Identification:	50081003
Process Assessment Result:	Negative
Process Assessment sTEC Result:	Negative
Laboratory Process Assessment was tested	Eurofins
Sample 3rd Party Monitored/Who	N/A

National Beef is continuously striving to minimize pathogenic bacteria contamination through the implementation of proven new technology and “Robust” testing programs.

Please contact me should you have any specific questions.

Sincerely,

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