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HACCP LETTER OF GUARANTEE

Teys Bros (Rockhampton) Establishment Number 007

HACCP REASSESSMENT

Teys Bros Group of Companies is committed to producing meat that is of the highest standard of food safety and quality and confirms that the above listed establishment has reassessed their HACCP Plan in accordance with AQIS Meat Notice 2002/13 and FSIS Federal Register Notice 9 CFR part 417 Docket No.00-022N.

This reassessment has determined that while *E. coli 0157:H7* may be a hazard likely to occur on incoming cattle it has been concluded that due to the effective implementation of the HACCP plan and Sanitary Standard Operating Procedures the hazard has been effectively controlled.

The following control measures are implemented at all Teys facilities:

- Assessment of cattle cleanliness on receipt and subsequent washing where required
- After stunning - oesophageal plugging/clipping where required
- Tying and bagging the bung
- Line speeds appropriate to providing adequate time for operators to complete hygiene inspections and dressing of the carcass
- 2 knife sterilisation between all carcasses
- Sanitising hands and equipment between carcasses for high risk activities
- CCP on the slaughterfloor for the hygiene trimming operation
- Prevention of carcass to carcass cross contamination by spacing on lines and in chillers
- Chilling and freezing regimes to control microbial growth

The reassessment of the HACCP plan is approved and regularly audited by the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) who also conduct on site monitoring and verification.

As part of the company Quality System requirements the HACCP plan is reassessed at least annually or when there is an unexplained system failure, a significant product or process change, new product development or new hazards are identified.



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E. coli O157: H7 Sampling and Testing Program

Beef destined for grinding is sampled under an N60 program (12 cartons per 700 cartons) where a sample size of 375g per lot is tested by an external AQIS approved laboratory using AQIS approved methods:

Screening : AOAC 2000.13 Reveal for E coli O157:H7 in Selected Foods & AOAC996.09 E coli O157:H7 in Selected Foods - Visual Immunoprecipitate Assay

Confirmation: FSIS MLG 5.04 - Detection, isolation, and identification of Escherichia coli O157:H7 and O157:NM (nonmotile) from meat products

In accordance with AQIS Notice 2010/3 AQIS staff on site verify the process of sample selection and collection once weekly per shift.

AQIS staff on site also collect a verification sample quarterly which is submitted to an independent AQIS approved laboratory for testing for *E. coli* O157:H7.

All product destined for grinding is held under a test and hold program until clearance has been obtained. Should a presumptive positive *E. coli* O157:H7 result be obtained all affected product is retained under company and AQIS control until a confirmatory result is received. If the confirmation is positive the product is withheld from the market and heat treated in Australia.

The following data represents the number of samples tested at this establishment per annum:

| <i>Year</i> | <i>Number of tests</i> | <i>Number of confirmed positives</i> |
|-------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 2006 | 1136 | 0 |
| 2007 | 1130 | 0 |
| 2008 | 1288 | 0 |
| 2009 | 1413 | 0 |
| 2010 | 1107 | 0 |

Only product that is compliant with HACCP requirements and where *E. coli* O157:H7 has not been detected is released to the market.

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