

January 22 th 2009.

Quality assurance Certification

Ref: E.coli O157:H7 and SRM

MATADERO CENTRAL S.A. MACESA, Identified as Establishment No. 8, Nicaragua, Central America is admissible to export beef to the United States of América.

MATADERO CENTRAL S.A. MACESA, declares that it has system controls, including a comprehensive HACCP program which is designed to control microbiological hazards as E.coli O157:H7. This establishment has also implemented SSOP and GMP programs to guarantee the hygiene and sanitization of meet processed in this plant.

Microbiological testing and monitoring for E.coli O157:H7 is conducted as part of the verification activities for this Establishment HACCP program and it has been concluded from these test results that E.coli O157:H7 is a hazard reasonably unlikely to occur in this plant. The HACCP plan has been reassessed in accordance with the Federal Register notice 9 CFR part 417, Docket number 00-22 dated October 7, 2002-E.coli O157:H7 and the FSIS Directive 10.010.1 Matadero Central S.A. Macesa has also reassessed its HACCP plan to be in conformity with the new FSIS regulation and notice 65-07, regarding E.coli O157:H7.

No product is shipped until the test results are known and confirmed to be negative.

Matadero Central S.A. Macesa, plant operations include the procedure to remove, segregate, and dispose the SRMs in order to assure that all products exported to the United States are free of SRMs and safe for human consumption.

Non ambulatory animals are slaughtered with a non penetrative stunner witch leaves the brain intact to prevent contamination of brain SRMs to the carcass.

The spinal cord and tonsils are completely removed. SRMs are DISPOSED and sent to rendering.

Matadero Central S.A. Macesa has take all measures to assure that there is not cross contamination of SRMs with the carcasses.

Food safety in Matadero Central S.A. Macesa, Establishment No. 8, Nicaragua, Central America, is a priority. The Quality System is designed to ensure that the products are of the highest quality standards and all personal and worker are committed to Quality program and food safety assurance.

Dr. Ronaldo García C.
Official Veterinarian Inspector
Establishment # 8

