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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Prime Range Meats Ltd, ME132, confirms that systems are in place, including HACCP and Pre-requisite programmes that are designed to control microbiological hazards such as *Escherichia Coli* 0157: H7 in Bulk Manufacturing Beef.

Pre-shipment verification checks are completed for each lot and E.coli certs are supplied when requested.

Only product that is compliant with HACCP requirements and from which samples have tested negative for E. coli 0157: H7 is shipped to the United States.

The sampling is carried out as per USA OMAR Part 12 *Escherichia Coli* O157:H7 Programme Technical Procedures for monitoring *Escherichia Coli* O157:H7 in Bulk Manufacturing Beef and sampling analysis is carried out at an external LAS approved laboratory (MLS Envirolab) as required.

New Zealand Food Safety Authority is the government certifying authority responsible for verifying that the HACCP Plans met the USA OMAR requirements.

Prime Range Meats Ltd has a full-time New Zealand Food Safety Authority veterinary presence.

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