



EMPACADORA DE CARNES UNIDAD GANADERA S.A DE C.V.  
ALIMENTOS PREFORMADOS S.A. DE C.V.



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Subject: FOOD SAFETY

To Whom It May Concern:

EMPACADORA DE CARNES UNIDAD GANADERA S.A. de C.V. ESTABLECIMIENTO TIF 45 has implemented approved HACCP Program and has periodically reassessed our established HACCP Programs and SSOP Programs as per all FSIS Notices and regulations.

EMPACADORA DE CARNES UNIDAD GANADERA S.A. de C.V. ESTABLECIMIENTO TIF 45 Food Safety process utilizes a multiple microbial reduction strategy that maintains the highest quality of product possible. EMPACADORA DE CARNES UNIDAD GANADERA S.A. de C.V. ESTABLECIMIENTO TIF 45 multiple microbial reduction process includes:

- a) Washing Cattle.
- b) Application of Antimicrobial at lifting on the Animal (Before Bleeding).
- c) Application of Antimicrobial after remove the hide from the Brisket.
- d) Application of Antimicrobial on Rectum.
- e) Final Trimming.
- f) Washing Carcasses with Hot Water.
- g) Carcass Thermal Treatment
- h) Application of Antimicrobial on Carcasses before Chilling.
- i) Application of Antimicrobial on Carcasses before going into the boning area:
- j) Carcasses Inspection:
- k) Application of Antimicrobial on the beef conveyors:
- l) Immersion in the Antimicrobial Solution:

The antimicrobial intervention is used as acid sodium chlorite whose approval is in directive 7120.1

EMPACADORA DE CARNES UNIDAD GANADERA S.A. de C.V. ESTABLECIMIENTO TIF 45 has met the FSIS requirements of Notice 44-02 and Notice 40-12 and validates its systems through monitoring of the hot water wash critical limits and routine testing of carcasses and trimmings for presence of *E. coli* O157:H7 and *E. Coli Non O157:H7 STECS* on a daily basis as well as testing carcasses for Generic E.Coli as per 9CFR. Our facilities are also in compliance with FSIS regulated Salmonella testing on carcasses. EMPACADORA DE CARNES UNIDAD GANADERA S.A. de C.V. ESTABLECIMIENTO TIF 45 considers Food Safety our number one priority. Our HACCP Programs helps us to ensure that all products produced in our facilities are the safest in the industry. EMPACADORA DE CARNES UNIDAD GANADERA S.A. de C.V. ESTABLECIMIENTO TIF 45 is in compliance with the FDA Bioterrorism Act and is registered.

All cattle suppliers to EMPACADORA DE CARNES UNIDAD GANADERA S.A. de C.V. ESTABLECIMIENTO TIF 45 are required to have current (within the past calendar



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year) signed affidavits on file attesting to compliance with all FDA feed and drug regulations. Suppliers who do not have a current affidavit on file in Aguascalientes are not eligible for marketing livestock to EMPACADORA DE CARNES UNIDAD GANADERA S.A. de C.V. ESTABLECIMIENTO TIF 45.

EMPACADORA DE CARNES UNIDAD GANADERA S.A. de C.V. ESTABLECIMIENTO TIF 45 has implemented the appropriate programs/policies to ensure compliance with FSIS Notice 56-07 and 9 CFR Parts 310, 311, 313, 319, etc. These Notices and Rules deal with three Regulations that prohibit the slaughter of non-ambulatory disabled cattle, a description and requirement to remove specified risk material (SRM) that are considered to be inedible, and restricts the use of captive bolt stunners that deliberately inject compressed air into the cranium of an animal and does not allow “pithing”.

- EMPACADORA DE CARNES UNIDAD GANADERA S.A. de C.V. ESTABLECIMIENTO TIF 45 has programs and policies in place that prohibits the use of classified non-ambulatory (downers) from our edible process.
- We are currently identifying all animals that are classified as 30 months of age or older using dentition identification on the slaughter floor. These identified carcasses have the vertebral column (excluding the vertebrae of the tail, the transverse process of the thoracic and lumbar vertebrae, and the wings of the sacrum), removed on the fabrication floor.
- All SRM's are removed from the edible food chain (from all animals - all tonsils and the distal ileum of the small intestine; and from animals 30 months or older the head – skull eyes, brain, and trigeminal ganglia; and the vertebral column – spinal cord and dorsal root ganglia).
- The captive bolt stunner that EMPACADORA DE CARNES UNIDAD GANADERA S.A. de C.V. ESTABLECIMIENTO TIF 45 uses does not inject air into cranium of the animal nor does EMPACADORA DE CARNES UNIDAD GANADERA S.A. de C.V. ESTABLECIMIENTO TIF 45 use any “pithing process” in stunning or SRM removal.

EMPACADORA DE CARNES UNIDAD GANADERA S.A. de C.V. ESTABLECIMIENTO TIF 45 facilities are Federally Inspected Establishments that are required to meet the requirements of 9CFR 416 and 417. These regulations ensure that our facilities have verified and validated their HACCP Programs and associated CCP's.

EMPACADORA DE CARNE UNIDAD GANADERA S.A. de C.V. ESTABLECIMIENTO TIF 45 guarantees that your “product is not adulterated or misbranded within the meaning of The United States Food Drug and Cosmetic Act of 1938 as amended, are not articles which may not under Section 404 and/or 505 of the Act to be introduced into interstate commerce”.



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EMPACADORA DE CARNES UNIDAD GANADERA S.A. de C.V. ESTABLECIMIENTO TIF 45 is assuring that we have addressed the following regulatory requirements:

- Testing of carcasses for *E. coli* Biotype I (9 CFR Part 310, §310.25), effective June 1997.
- Implementation of SSOP (Sanitation Standard Operating Procedures, 9 CFR, Part 416, §416.11 - §416.17), effective January 26, 1997
- Implementation of HACCP Systems (9 CFR, Part 417, §417.1 - §417.8), effective January 27, 1998 for plants with greater than 500 employees.
- Testing of carcasses for Salmonella as conducted by USDA in accordance with §310.25.

**Federal Register Docket 00-022N, dated 10/7/02 (*E. coli* O157:H7 Reassessment)**

- Reassessment of HACCP plans for *E. coli* O157:H7 in accordance with the Federal Register Docket 00-022N, dated 10/7/02
- Completion of annual reassessment of HACCP plans in accordance with 9CFR 417.4 (a) (3) effective January 26, 2004 which included review and verification of adequacy of the HACCP plans in addressing *E. coli* O157:H7.

**Directive 10,010.1 – revised 3/31/04**

**CFR Title 21 Part 589.2000 – Effective 8/4/97**

- Prohibits the feeding of ruminant meat and bone meal to ruminant animals

Labeling

- USDA approval for the following label disclaimer/instructional statements are available on site at the producing est.:

Disposition CCP's

- All materials that are tested for *E. coli* O157:H7 that are not negative are addressed within the HACCP plans under a product disposition CCP.
- These materials are controlled and are cooked or otherwise disposed of to inedible.
- Records reflect appropriate disposition of affected material.

Other FSIS Regulations/Notices

- EMPACADORA DE CARNES UNIDAD GANADERA S.A. de C.V. ESTABLECIMIENTO TIF 45 facilities are Federally Inspected and meet and comply with all FSIS Regulations and Notices including but not limited to FSIS Notice 65-07.

Sincerely,

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