July 9, 2024
To: Cargill Customers
Re: Quarterly *E. coli* O157:H7 Check Samples – 2nd Quarter

Dear Valued Customer:

Thank you for your request for information on our N=60 verification program. Cargill Meat Solutions, dba Cargill Protein Group (hereinafter "Cargill") has a weekly *E. coli* O157:H7 verification sample program in place to ensure our N=60 sampling and testing programs are working as designed. To verify our programs, product that has tested negative is sampled and tested.

Cargill is reporting verification test results of ground beef components at its facilities during the second quarter of 2024. Products were sampled and tested each week for E. coli O157:H7 and STEC 6. Results were below detection levels for E. coli O157:H7 and STEC 6[1]. Cargill utilizes BioControl GDS test methods. The following facilities completed testing on these dates:

> o 86E – Friona, TX – 4/1/2024, 5/9/2024, 6/3/2024
> o 86K – Dodge City, KS – 4/1/2024, 5/8/2024, 6/4/2024
> o 86M – Schuyler, NE – 4/1/2024, 5/2/2024, 6/3/2024
> o 86R – Fort Morgan, CO – 4/10/2024, 5/8/2024, 6/12/2024
> o 93 – High River, AB Canada – 4/17/2024, 5/1/2024, 6/5/2024
> o 9400 – Wyalusing, PA – 4/8/2024, 5/2/2024, 6/28/2024
> o 354 – Fresno, CA – 4/3/2024, 5/8/2024, 6/4/2024
> o 51 – Guelph, ON Canada – 4/4/2024, 5/8/2024, (no production during June)

Cargill will continue to strive for excellence in providing our customers with a high-quality product manufactured under strict food safety standards. For additional information and/or updates please visit our website http://www.cargill.com/products/meat-food-safety. However, should you have any specific questions please contact us at Techsvs_Requests@cargill.com. As a valued customer, we appreciate your partnership and are pleased to help meet your needs.

Sincerely,

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[1] Corrective Actions are taken on any non-conforming samples/results.

Contact

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