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To Whom It May Concern:

National Beef Pathogen Quarterly Verification Testing

This letter is to convey the results of National Beef Packing’s cloth sampling verification testing. In FSIS Notice 65-07, it is suggested that a best practice for producers of raw materials that will be utilized in raw, non-intact product perform a “verification” test. National Beef performs this “Verification Testing” under protocols described in “National Beef Process Assessment Testing” on a routine basis. The fundamentals of this program are that a “lot” that has been sampled under robust cloth sampling program and tested using an approved DNA test (Hygiena BAX) and found to be negative. This lot is then ground and sampled using robust protocols and is tested using an approved DNA Test (Hygiena BAX). Starting September 2012 National Beef added Non O157:H7 STEC testing to the testing process.

During the month of January, or Quarter 1 for 2024, this testing was performed at National Beef – Liberal, KS (Est. 208A), National Beef – Dodge City, KS (Est. 262) and Iowa Premium Tama, IA (Est. 8). Here are the results:

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| Plant: | Dodge |
| Date of Test | 1/16/2024 |
| Original Lot Identification: | Lot # 3 - 20302683 |
| N60 ECH7 Sampling Result: | Negative |
| N60 sTEC Sampling Result | N/A |
| Laboratory N60 was tested | Dodge Food Safety Center |
| Process Assessment Lot Identification: | PA Lot # 3 - 20302683 |
| Process Assessment ECH7 Result: | Negative |
| Process Assessment sTEC Result: | Negative |
| Laboratory Process Assessment was tested | Dodge Food Safety Center |
| Sample 3rd Party Monitored/Who | N/A |

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| Plant: | Liberal |
| Date of Test | 1/16/2024 |
| Original Lot Identification: | 10664366 |
| N60 ECH7 Sampling Result: | Negative |
| N60 sTEC Sampling Result | N/A |
| Laboratory N60 was tested | Liberal Food Safety Center |
| Process Assessment Lot Identification: | 10664366 |
| Process Assessment ECH7 Result: | Negative |
| Process Assessment sTEC Result: | Negative |
| Laboratory Process Assessment was tested | Liberal Food Safety Center |
| Sample 3rd Party Monitored/Who | N/A |



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| Plant: | Tama |
| Date of Test | 1/16/2024 |
| Original Lot Identification: | 50068244 |
| N60 Sampling Result: | Negative |
| N60 sTEC Sampling Result | N/A |
| Laboratory N60 was tested | Eurofins |
| Process Assessment Lot Identification: | 50068244 |
| Process Assessment Result: | Negative |
| Process Assessment sTEC Result: | Negative |
| Laboratory Process Assessment was tested | Eurofins |
| Sample 3rd Party Monitored/Who | N/A |

During the month of February, or Quarter 1 for 2024, this testing was performed at National Beef – Liberal, KS (Est. 208A), National Beef – Dodge City, KS (Est. 262) and Iowa Premium Tama, IA (Est. 8). Here are the results:

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| Plant: | Dodge |
| Date of Test | 2/27/2024 |
| Original Lot Identification: | Lot # 10 - 20320947 |
| N60 ECH7 Sampling Result: | Negative |
| N60 sTEC Sampling Result | N/A |
| Laboratory N60 was tested | Dodge Food Safety Center |
| Process Assessment Lot Identification: | PA Lot # 10 - 20320947 |
| Process Assessment ECH7 Result: | Negative |
| Process Assessment sTEC Result: | Negative |
| Laboratory Process Assessment was tested | Dodge Food Safety Center |
| Sample 3rd Party Monitored/Who | N/A |

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| Plant: | Liberal |
| Date of Test | 2/27/2024 |
| Original Lot Identification: | ID # 10674460 |
| N60 ECH7 Sampling Result: | Negative |
| N60 sTEC Sampling Result | N/A |
| Laboratory N60 was tested | Liberal Food Safety Center |
| Process Assessment Lot Identification: | ID # 10674460 |
| Process Assessment ECH7 Result: | Negative |
| Process Assessment sTEC Result: | Negative |
| Laboratory Process Assessment was tested | Liberal Food Safety Center |
| Sample 3rd Party Monitored/Who | N/A |



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| Plant: | Tama |
| Date of Test | 2/27/2024 |
| Original Lot Identification: | 50077522 |
| N60 Sampling Result: | Negative |
| N60 sTEC Sampling Result | N/A |
| Laboratory N60 was tested | Eurofins |
| Process Assessment Lot Identification: | 50077522 |
| Process Assessment Result: | Negative |
| Process Assessment sTEC Result: | Negative |
| Laboratory Process Assessment was tested | Eurofins |
| Sample 3rd Party Monitored/Who | N/A |

During the month of March, or Quarter 1 for 2024, this testing was performed at National Beef – Liberal, KS (Est. 208A), National Beef – Dodge City, KS (Est. 262) and Iowa Premium Tama, IA (Est. 8). Here are the results:

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| Plant: | Dodge |
| Date of Test | 3/14/2024 |
| Original Lot Identification: | Lot # 8 - 20326666 |
| N60 ECH7 Sampling Result: | Negative |
| N60 sTEC Sampling Result | N/A |
| Laboratory N60 was tested | Dodge Food Safety Center |
| Process Assessment Lot Identification: | PA Lot # 8 - 20326666 |
| Process Assessment ECH7 Result: | Negative |
| Process Assessment sTEC Result: | Negative |
| Laboratory Process Assessment was tested | Dodge Food Safety Center |
| Sample 3rd Party Monitored/Who | N/A |

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| Plant: | Liberal |
| Date of Test | 3/12/2024 |
| Original Lot Identification: | 10677640 |
| N60 ECH7 Sampling Result: | Negative |
| N60 sTEC Sampling Result | N/A |
| Laboratory N60 was tested | Liberal Food Safety Center |
| Process Assessment Lot Identification: | 10677640 |
| Process Assessment ECH7 Result: | Negative |
| Process Assessment sTEC Result: | Negative |
| Laboratory Process Assessment was tested | Liberal Food Safety Center |
| Sample 3rd Party Monitored/Who | N/A |



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| Plant: | Tama |
| Date of Test | 3/13/2024 |
| Original Lot Identification: | 50081003 |
| N60 Sampling Result: | Negative |
| N60 sTEC Sampling Result | N/A |
| Laboratory N60 was tested | Eurofins |
| Process Assessment Lot Identification: | 50081003 |
| Process Assessment Result: | Negative |
| Process Assessment sTEC Result: | Negative |
| Laboratory Process Assessment was tested | Eurofins |
| Sample 3rd Party Monitored/Who | N/A |

During the month of April, or Quarter 2 for 2024, this testing was performed at National Beef – Liberal, KS (Est. 208A), National Beef – Dodge City, KS (Est. 262) and Iowa Premium Tama, IA (Est. 8). Here are the results:

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| Plant: | Dodge |
| Date of Test | 4/12/2024 |
| Original Lot Identification: | Lot # 10 - 20340808 |
| N60 ECH7 Sampling Result: | Negative |
| N60 sTEC Sampling Result | N/A |
| Laboratory N60 was tested | Dodge Food Safety Center |
| Process Assessment Lot Identification: | PA Lot # 10 - 20340808 |
| Process Assessment ECH7 Result: | Negative |
| Process Assessment sTEC Result: | Negative |
| Laboratory Process Assessment was tested | FSNS Lab - Dodge City |
| Sample 3rd Party Monitored/Who | Food Safety Net Services |

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| Plant: | Liberal |
| Date of Test | 4/23/2024 |
| Original Lot Identification: | 10195864 |
| N60 ECH7 Sampling Result: | Negative |
| N60 sTEC Sampling Result | NA |
| Laboratory N60 was tested | Liberal Food Safety Center |
| Process Assessment Lot Identification: | 10195864 |
| Process Assessment ECH7 Result: | Negative |
| Process Assessment sTEC Result: | Negative |
| Laboratory Process Assessment was tested | FSNS Lab - San Antonio TX |
| Sample 3rd Party Monitored/Who | Food Safety Net Services |



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| Plant: | Tama |
| Date of Test | 4/3/2024 |
| Original Lot Identification: | 50085753 |
| N60 Sampling Result: | Negative |
| N60 sTEC Sampling Result | N/A |
| Laboratory N60 was tested | Eurofins |
| Process Assessment Lot Identification: | 50085753 |
| Process Assessment Result: | Negative |
| Process Assessment sTEC Result: | Negative |
| Laboratory Process Assessment was tested | Eurofins |
| Sample 3rd Party Monitored/Who | N/A |

During the month of May, or Quarter 2 for 2024, this testing was performed at National Beef – Liberal, KS (Est. 208A), National Beef – Dodge City, KS (Est. 262) and Iowa Premium Tama, IA (Est. 8). Here are the results:

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| Plant: | Dodge |
| Date of Test | 5/7/2024 |
| Original Lot Identification: | Lot # 3 - 20351122 |
| N60 ECH7 Sampling Result: | Negative |
| N60 sTEC Sampling Result | N/A |
| Laboratory N60 was tested | Dodge Food Safety Center |
| Process Assessment Lot Identification: | PA Lot # 3 - 20351122 |
| Process Assessment ECH7 Result: | Negative |
| Process Assessment sTEC Result: | Negative |
| Laboratory Process Assessment was tested | Dodge Food Safety Center |
| Sample 3rd Party Monitored/Who | N/A |

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| Plant: | Liberal |
| Date of Test | 5/7/2024 |
| Original Lot Identification: | 10201932 |
| N60 ECH7 Sampling Result: | Negative |
| N60 sTEC Sampling Result | N/A |
| Laboratory N60 was tested | Liberal Food Safety Center |
| Process Assessment Lot Identification: | 10201932 |
| Process Assessment ECH7 Result: | Negative |
| Process Assessment sTEC Result: | Negative |
| Laboratory Process Assessment was tested | Liberal Food Safety Center |
| Sample 3rd Party Monitored/Who | N/A |



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| Plant: | Tama |
| Date of Test | 5/8/2024 |
| Original Lot Identification: | 50093448 |
| N60 Sampling Result: | Negative |
| N60 sTEC Sampling Result | N/A |
| Laboratory N60 was tested | Eurofins |
| Process Assessment Lot Identification: | 50093448 |
| Process Assessment Result: | Negative |
| Process Assessment sTEC Result: | Negative |
| Laboratory Process Assessment was tested | Eurofins |
| Sample 3rd Party Monitored/Who | N/A |

During the month of June, or Quarter 2 for 2024, this testing was performed at National Beef – Liberal, KS (Est. 208A), National Beef – Dodge City, KS (Est. 262) and Iowa Premium Tama, IA (Est. 8). Here are the results:

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| Plant: | Dodge |
| Date of Test | 6/25/2024 |
| Original Lot Identification: | Lot # 34 - 20373792 |
| N60 ECH7 Sampling Result: | Negative |
| N60 sTEC Sampling Result | N/A |
| Laboratory N60 was tested | Dodge Food Safety Center |
| Process Assessment Lot Identification: | PA Lot # 34 - 20373792 |
| Process Assessment ECH7 Result: | Negative |
| Process Assessment sTEC Result: | Negative |
| Laboratory Process Assessment was tested | Dodge Food Safety Center |
| Sample 3rd Party Monitored/Who | N/A |

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| Plant: | Liberal |
| Date of Test | 6/25/2024 |
| Original Lot Identification: | 10709958 |
| N60 ECH7 Sampling Result: | Negative |
| N60 sTEC Sampling Result | N/A |
| Laboratory N60 was tested | Liberal Food Safety Center |
| Process Assessment Lot Identification: | 10709958 |
| Process Assessment ECH7 Result: | Negative |
| Process Assessment sTEC Result: | Negative |
| Laboratory Process Assessment was tested | Liberal Food Safety Center |
| Sample 3rd Party Monitored/Who | N/A |



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| Plant: | Tama |
| Date of Test | 6/26/2024 |
| Original Lot Identification: | 50104259 |
| N60 Sampling Result: | Negative |
| N60 sTEC Sampling Result | N/A |
| Laboratory N60 was tested | Eurofins |
| Process Assessment Lot Identification: | 50104259 |
| Process Assessment Result: | Negative |
| Process Assessment sTEC Result: | Negative |
| Laboratory Process Assessment was tested | Eurofins |
| Sample 3rd Party Monitored/Who | N/A |

During the month of July, or Quarter 3 for 2024, this testing was performed at National Beef – Liberal, KS (Est. 208A), National Beef – Dodge City, KS (Est. 262) and Iowa Premium Tama, IA (Est. 8). Here are the results:

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| Plant: | Dodge |
| Date of Test | 7/16/2024 |
| Original Lot Identification: | 20381541 |
| N60 ECH7 Sampling Result: | Negative |
| N60 sTEC Sampling Result | N/A |
| Laboratory N60 was tested | Dodge Food Safety Center |
| Process Assessment Lot Identification: | 20381541 |
| Process Assessment ECH7 Result: | Negative |
| Process Assessment sTEC Result: | Negative |
| Laboratory Process Assessment was tested | Dodge Food Safety Center |
| Sample 3rd Party Monitored/Who | N/A |

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| Plant: | Liberal |
| Date of Test | 7/11/2024 |
| Original Lot Identification: | 10225107 |
| N60 ECH7 Sampling Result: | Negative |
| N60 sTEC Sampling Result | N/A |
| Laboratory N60 was tested | Liberal Food Safety Center |
| Process Assessment Lot Identification: | 10225107 |
| Process Assessment ECH7 Result: | Negative |
| Process Assessment sTEC Result: | Negative |
| Laboratory Process Assessment was tested | Liberal Food Safety Center |
| Sample 3rd Party Monitored/Who | N/A |



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| Plant: | Tama |
| Date of Test | 7/11/2024 |
| Original Lot Identification: | 50107627 |
| N60 Sampling Result: | Negative |
| N60 sTEC Sampling Result | N/A |
| Laboratory N60 was tested | Eurofins |
| Process Assessment Lot Identification: | 50107627 |
| Process Assessment Result: | Negative |
| Process Assessment sTEC Result: | Negative |
| Laboratory Process Assessment was tested | Eurofins |
| Sample 3rd Party Monitored/Who | N/A |

During the month of August, or Quarter 3 for 2024, this testing was performed at National Beef – Liberal, KS (Est. 208A), National Beef – Dodge City, KS (Est. 262) and Iowa Premium Tama, IA (Est. 8). Here are the results:

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| Plant: | Dodge |
| Date of Test | 8/23/2024 |
| Original Lot Identification: | 20401911 |
| N60 ECH7 Sampling Result: | Negative |
| N60 sTEC Sampling Result | N/A |
| Laboratory N60 was tested | Dodge Food Safety Center |
| Process Assessment Lot Identification: | 20401911 |
| Process Assessment ECH7 Result: | Negative |
| Process Assessment sTEC Result: | Negative |
| Laboratory Process Assessment was tested | Dodge Food Safety Center |
| Sample 3rd Party Monitored/Who | N/A |

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| Plant: | Liberal |
| Date of Test | 8/21/2024 |
| Original Lot Identification: | 10241362 |
| N60 ECH7 Sampling Result: | Negative |
| N60 sTEC Sampling Result | N/A |
| Laboratory N60 was tested | Liberal Food Safety Center |
| Process Assessment Lot Identification: | 10241362 |
| Process Assessment ECH7 Result: | Negative |
| Process Assessment sTEC Result: | Negative |
| Laboratory Process Assessment was tested | Food Safety Net Services |
| Sample 3rd Party Monitored/Who | FSNS - Rudy Hernandez |



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| Plant: | Tama |
| Date of Test | 8/23/2024 |
| Original Lot Identification: | 50116643 |
| N60 Sampling Result: | Negative |
| N60 sTEC Sampling Result | N/A |
| Laboratory N60 was tested | Eurofins |
| Process Assessment Lot Identification: | 50116643 |
| Process Assessment Result: | Negative |
| Process Assessment sTEC Result: | Negative |
| Laboratory Process Assessment was tested | Eurofins |
| Sample 3rd Party Monitored/Who | N/A |

During the month of September, or Quarter 3 for 2024, this testing was performed at National Beef – Liberal, KS (Est. 208A), National Beef – Dodge City, KS (Est. 262) and Iowa Premium Tama, IA (Est. 8). Here are the results:

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| Plant: | Dodge |
| Date of Test | 9/17/2024 |
| Original Lot Identification: | 20412685 |
| N60 ECH7 Sampling Result: | Negative |
| N60 sTEC Sampling Result | N/A |
| Laboratory N60 was tested | Dodge Food Safety Center |
| Process Assessment Lot Identification: | 20412685 |
| Process Assessment ECH7 Result: | Negative |
| Process Assessment sTEC Result: | Negative |
| Laboratory Process Assessment was tested | Dodge Food Safety Center |
| Sample 3rd Party Monitored/Who | N/A |

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| Plant: | Liberal |
| Date of Test | 9/18/2024 |
| Original Lot Identification: | 10252505 |
| N60 ECH7 Sampling Result: | Negative |
| N60 sTEC Sampling Result | N/A |
| Laboratory N60 was tested | Liberal Food Safety Center |
| Process Assessment Lot Identification: | 10252505 |
| Process Assessment ECH7 Result: | Negative |
| Process Assessment sTEC Result: | Negative |
| Laboratory Process Assessment was tested | Liberal Food Safety Center |
| Sample 3rd Party Monitored/Who | N/A |



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| Plant: | Tama |
| Date of Test | 9/18/2024 |
| Original Lot Identification: | 50122161 |
| N60 Sampling Result: | Negative |
| N60 sTEC Sampling Result | N/A |
| Laboratory N60 was tested | Eurofins |
| Process Assessment Lot Identification: | 50122161 |
| Process Assessment Result: | Negative |
| Process Assessment sTEC Result: | Negative |
| Laboratory Process Assessment was tested | FSNS |
| Sample 3rd Party Monitored/Who | N/A |

National Beef is continuously striving to minimize pathogenic bacteria contamination through the implementation of proven new technology and “Robust” testing programs.

Please contact me should you have any specific questions.

Sincerely,

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