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To: Cargill Meat Solutions Customers

RE: Quarterly *E. coli* O157:H7 Check Samples – 4th Quarter

Dear Valued Customer:

Thank you for your request for information on our N=60 verification program. Cargill Meat Solutions has a quarterly *E. coli* O157:H7 check 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 Meat Solutions has completed fourth quarter 2017 *E. coli* O157:H7 check samples on ground beef components at its facilities. Samples were also conducted for the STEC 6. Results were below detection levels for *E. coli* O157:H7 and STEC 6¹. Cargill Meat Solutions utilizes BioControl GDS test methods. The following facilities completed testing on these dates:

- o 86E – Friona, TX – 12/6/17
- o 86K – Dodge City, KS – 11/6/17
- o 86M – Schuyler, NE – 11/6/17
- o 86R – Fort Morgan, CO – 11/18/17
- o 93 – High River, AB Canada – 10/16/17
- o 9400 – Wyalusing, PA – 12/4/17
- o 354 – Fresno, CA – 10/24/17
- o 51 – Guelph, ON Canada – 11/24/17

Cargill will continue to strive for excellence in providing our customers with a high quality product manufactured under strict food safety standards. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Amy Harris at (316) 291-2513 or me at (316) 291-2500. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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