January 21, 2020
To: Cargill Customers
Re: Feed Material and Pentobarbital

Dear Valued Customer,

Thank you for requesting information regarding Cargill Meat Solutions Corporation (DBA: Cargill Protein Group) actions to ensure animal health from feed materials sourced from bovine raw materials potentially containing Pentobarbital.

All Cargill beef harvest establishments that are supplying materials to make feed are federally inspected by trained Food Safety Inspection Services (FSIS), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) veterinarians, who inspect and test suspect cattle for residues. Suppliers of beef materials are in compliance with FSIS Directive 6100, Ante-Mortem Livestock Inspection, final regulations for Non-Ambulatory Disabled Cattle and Specified Risk Materials (SRMs) or Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) Manual of Procedures (MOP) Chapter 17, Annex D. Additionally, suppliers may not utilize air injection stunning. Any animals that are deceased upon arrival (DOA) or euthanized at the facility are appropriately marked and are not rendered at Cargill locations.

Neither pentobarbital nor sodium pentothal are utilized at Cargill harvest locations on any animals for the feed or food system. Cargill has not been associated with any current chemical recalls for animal feed products.

Cargill will continue to strive for excellence in providing our customers with high-quality product manufactured under strict food safety standards. For additional information and/or updates please visit our website: https://www.cargill.com/meat-poultry/feed-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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