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Dear Dr. Anderson:

The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) conducted an on-site audit of the Canadian meat and poultry inspection system October 11 through October 18, 2005. The purpose of the audit was to verify the interim measures taken by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) to assure that daily inspection had been implemented in all processing establishments certified to export meat or poultry products to the United States.

Enclosed is a copy of the FSIS final audit report. We understand that the government of Canada had no comments regarding the draft final report of the same audit.

If you have any questions regarding the audit, please contact me by telephone at 202-720-3781, by fax at 202-690-4040, or by electronic mail at sally.white@fsis.usda.gov.

Sincerely,

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FINAL REPORT OF AN ENFORCEMENT AUDIT CARRIED OUT IN
CANADA COVERING
CANADA'S MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION SYSTEM

October 11 through October 18, 2005

Food Safety and Inspection Service
United States Department of Agriculture

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ABBREVIATIONS AND SPECIAL TERMS USED IN THE REPORT

CCA	Central Competent Authority [Canadian Food Inspection Agency]
CFIA	Canadian Food Inspection Agency
FSIS	Food Safety and Inspection Service

1. INTRODUCTION

The audit took place in Canada from October 11 through October 18, 2005.

An opening meeting was held on October 11, 2005, in Ottawa, Canada, with the Central Competent Authority (CCA). At this meeting, the lead auditor confirmed the objective and scope of the audit and confirmed the itineraries of the auditors.

Representatives from the Area and/or Regional Offices accompanied each auditor during the entire audit.

2. OBJECTIVE OF THE AUDIT

This audit was Phase IV of the enforcement audit of Canada's meat and poultry inspection system. Phases I, II, and III were conducted in December 2004, February 2005, and May 2005, respectively. The exclusive objective of this audit was to determine if Canada had implemented daily inspection in all processing establishments certified to export to the United States.

In pursuit of the objective, FSIS auditors visited the following sites: the headquarters office of the CCA, all four CFIA Area Offices, and two CFIA Regional Offices.

Competent Authority Visits			Comments
Competent Authority	Headquarters	1	
	Area Offices	4	
	Regional Offices	2	Nova Scotia and Manitoba

3. PROTOCOL

This on-site audit was limited to document reviews. For those Regional Offices that were not visited, the auditors reviewed daily-inspection documents during the visits at the Area Offices. The auditing standards were:

- FSIS August 12, 2005, letter to CFIA, which stated: government inspectors will visit all Canadian processing establishments at least once during the critical phases of production (e.g., verification of critical control points).
- CFIA August 19, 2005, letter to FSIS including a memorandum detailing the interim procedures.

4. LEGAL BASIS FOR THE AUDIT

The audit was undertaken under the specific provisions of United States laws and regulations, in particular:

- The Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 601 et seq.).
- The Federal Meat Inspection Regulations (9 CFR Parts 301 to end), which include the PR/HACCP regulations.
- The Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 451 et seq.) and
- The Poultry Products Inspection Regulations (9 CFR Part 381).

Final audit reports are available on FSIS' website at:

www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations_&_policies/foreign_audit_reports/index.asp

5. MAIN FINDINGS

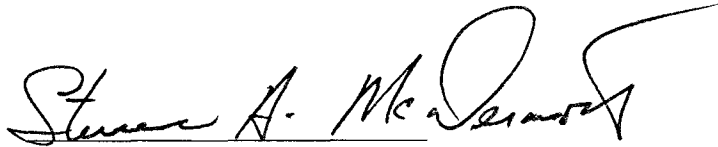
FSIS found that CFIA has implemented daily inspection in processing establishments certified to produce product for export to the United States in accordance with the FSIS August 12, 2005, letter to CFIA and the CFIA August 19, 2005, letter to FSIS.

6. CLOSING MEETING

A closing meeting was held on October 18, 2005 in Ottawa, Canada, with the CCA. At this meeting, the preliminary audit findings were presented to inspection officials.

The CCA understood and accepted the findings.

Steven A. McDermott
Lead Auditor



7. ATTACHMENTS

Foreign Country Response to Draft Final Audit Report (when it becomes available).
[CFIA had no comments]

Country Response Not Received