

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE
WASHINGTON, DC

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**RETAINING BONELESS BEEF PRODUCT FROM RANCHERS BEEF
CANADIAN ESTABLISHMENT 630**

Inspection program personnel at establishments that are receiving or have received raw boneless beef manufacturing trimmings from Canada are to determine whether their establishment has received raw boneless beef manufacturing trimmings from Ranchers Beef Ltd, Canadian Establishment 630. If so, inspection program personnel are to take a regulatory control action by placing a "U.S. Rejected – U. S. Retain" tag on any beef manufacturing trimmings or finished product that was made in whole or in part from product from Canadian Establishment 630. Also, if inspection program personnel, or Office of Program Evaluation, Enforcement and Review (OPEER) personnel find, through the normal course of daily activity, product from Ranchers Beef Ltd, Canadian Establishment 630 at a non-official establishment they are to detain the product as set out in FSIS Directive 8410.1.

FSIS believes that on one or more days, Ranchers Beef, Canadian Establishment 630, may have retested, found negative, and exported boneless beef manufacturing trimmings that had originally tested presumptive positive for *E. coli* O157:H7. Pending completion of a joint investigation with Canadian authorities, FSIS cannot put the mark of inspection on any product, uncooked or cooked, currently in the control of the establishment because the product may have been adulterated when it entered the United States. Therefore, pending completion of the investigation, inspection program personnel are to retain any available product from Canadian Establishment 630, or raw products produced in whole or in part from these products. Inspection program personnel are to notify their district office of any retention actions taken under this FSIS Notice.

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This action **only** applies to boneless beef products from Canadian Establishment 630. No other Canadian product is affected. Canadian Establishment 630 ceased operations on August 15, 2007. The last import of product occurred on August 18, 2007.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stuart Duffin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Assistant Administrator
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