

Enclosure 3

PART 2: Labeling Compliance (08/07/2008)

Section 2: Label Compliance for Imported Meat and Poultry Products

Labeling Declaration Requirements: “Microbial Claims”

Labels that make certain declarations used on imported product that are not approved by the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), such as labels used to make claims to address microbial requirements are not permitted for use on imported products destined for the United States.

A product claim such as: **“for cooking only,” “not for grinding,” or any other similar claims** to address E. coli O157:H7 or any other microbiological issue is not permitted on imported products. FSIS, LPDD will not approve such claims for imported products from any foreign country and/or establishment. Labels, previously approved with such claims have been rescinded.

Import inspection personnel shall reject all imported products presented for re-inspection if it bears labeling claims. Inspection personnel are to follow the guidelines outlined in Part 2, Section 2, X, A - 2.

Import inspection personnel shall notify IID Headquarters of any shipments rejected for these types of claims by e mail to the import inspection mailbox (importinspection@fsis.usda.gov).