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Food Safety and  
Inspection Service

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April 24, 2024

Dear Mr. Goldberger:

The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has received the petition you submitted on behalf of North Star Imports dated April 9, 2024. The petition requests that FSIS amend all policies and regulations restricting the quantity of cheek meat permitted in certain beef products to allow for unlimited quantities of cheek meat in these products. The petition also requests that FSIS amend the regulations to provide that cheek meat may be identified as “beef” in the ingredients statement on the product label.

Your request is being considered as a petition for rulemaking under the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553(e)), USDA’s administrative regulations (7 CFR 1.28), and FSIS’ regulations on petitions (9 CFR part 392). Your petition has been referred to the Office of Policy and Program Development for review and has been assigned petition number 24-02. As provided in 9 CFR 392.6, your petition will be made available to the public in the FSIS docket room and will be posted on the FSIS Website at:

<https://www.fsis.usda.gov/policy/petitions>.

You may contact Mary Porretta, Petitions Manager, Regulations Development Staff at [mary.porretta@usda.gov](mailto:mary.porretta@usda.gov) if you have any questions regarding the status of your petition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melissa Hammar". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Melissa Hammar  
Director  
Regulations Development Staff