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Ms. Carmen Darland  
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Dear Ms. Darland:

This is in response to our conference call of January 22, 2013, regarding the Food Standards and Labeling Policy Book Standard for Chicken Cordon Bleu. I apologize for the delay in responding to confirm the decisions discussed on the call.

Specifically, you want us to address the inclusion of the marination and the skin in counting towards the 60% chicken breast meat requirement. Additionally, you want us to confirm that if the marination counts towards the breast meat requirement that it will not be required to be part of the product name. While we have concluded that the marination or containing statement ingredients in the chicken breast meat can count towards the 60% chicken breast meat requirement, the chicken skin can not be counted since it is not considered poultry meat. Moreover, the solution percentage and ingredients only require listing in the ingredients statement and not the product name. Furthermore, FSIS will be evaluating the merits of your petition to amend the standard of identity currently in the Food Standards and Labeling Policy Book. FSIS will notify you once that process is complete.

If you have any additional questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rosalyn Murphy-Jenkins". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rosalyn Murphy-Jenkins, Director  
Labeling and Program Delivery Division