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Dear Mr. Camardelli:

The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has received the petition you submitted on behalf of the Brazilian Beef Association. The petition requests that FSIS amend the import inspection instructions in FSIS Directive 9900.2, Rev.1, *Import Reinspection of Meat, Poultry, and Egg Products* (May 16, 2017), to eliminate “loose tin” from the list of conditions identified as container defects or, in the alternative, re-categorize loose tin as an abnormal container only when microorganisms are present. The petition also requests that FSIS accept and pass the entire production lot without sorting when FSIS laboratory analysis of a loose tin imported product does not detect microorganisms. Additionally, the petition requests that FSIS return to the foreign producer defective containers identified at the POE to allow the producer to identify and prevent similar processing defects.

Your request is being considered as a petition for policy change under FSIS’s petition regulations (9 CFR part 392). Your petition has been referred to the FSIS Office of Policy and Program Development for review and has been assigned petition number 18-04. As provided in 9 CFR 392.6, your petition will be posted on the FSIS Website at:

<http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/regulations/petitions>.

You may contact Mary Porretta, Petitions Manager, Issuances Staff, at (202) 720-5627, if you have any questions regarding the status of your petition.

Sincerely,

Matthew Michael
Director
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