



Action Alert

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Texas Firm Recalls Cattle Heads That Contain Prohibited Materials

Arlington, VA – Dallas City Packing, Inc., a Dallas, Texas, establishment, is recalling approximately 941,271 pounds of cattle heads with tonsils not completely removed, which is not compliant with regulations that require the removal of tonsils from cattle of all ages, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service announced.

Tonsils are considered a specified risk material (SRM) and must be removed from cattle of all ages in accordance with FSIS regulations. SRMs are tissues that are known to contain the infective agent in cattle infected with Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE), as well as materials that are closely associated with these potentially infective tissues. Therefore, FSIS prohibits SRMs from use as human food to minimize potential human exposure to the BSE agent.

The following products subject to recall include:

- Various weight boxes of "2-BEEF HEAD." Each shipping package bears the establishment number "EST. 156" inside the USDA mark of inspection, as well as a packaging date between "2 05 7" and "8 05 8" stamped on the side of the box.
- Various weight boxes of "3-BEEF HEAD." Each shipping package bears the establishment number "EST. 156" inside the USDA mark of inspection, as well as a packaging date between "2 05 7" and "8 05 8" stamped on the side of the box.

The company is recalling all products packed between Feb. 5, 2007, and Aug. 5, 2008.

These products were distributed primarily to retail establishments in Texas as well as distribution centers in California, Colorado, Louisiana, New Jersey, Oklahoma and Texas.

The problem was discovered by FSIS.

Retailers, wholesalers and consumers with questions about the recall should contact company President Alan Rubin or Vice President David Meyers at (214) 948-3901.