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Sent: Friday, March 19, 2010 12:38 PM
To: Lauren Dever
Subject: RE: Meat and Poultry Inspection/Regulations

Good afternoon Ms. Dever,

Thank you for contacting the Food Licensing Group.

I have been trying to come up with a concise answer for you. If a retail store is getting packaged meat or poultry from a federal or state inspected plant then the meat or poultry should have all federally required labeling. If a retail store is packaging or repackaging meat or poultry, then at a minimum the label should have the common name of the food, the net contents or net weight statement, a list of ingredients in descending order of predominance if made of two or more ingredients – including sub-ingredients, the name of the retail store, the address of the retail store or telephone number if the retail store is listed in the phone book or city directory, and the safe handling statement.

If you need more information you may want to contact the Food Establishment Group, The Foods Group, and the Meat Safety Assurance Unit.

The contact information is as follows:

Food Establishments Group phone: 512.834.6753 website: www.dshs.state.tx.us/foodestablishments

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If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

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"I stay ready so I don't have to get ready" - Cordazar Calvin Broadus

From: Lauren Dever [mailto:Lauren@vmmeat.com]

Sent: Friday, March 12, 2010 5:00 PM

To: Foods Licensing Group

Subject: Meat and Poultry Inspection/Regulations

Dear whom it may concern,

I work for Meat Solutions in Northern Colorado. We create and maintain standards for the meat industry. I am researching some information on one of our current project and I need to make sure I have my facts straight.

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I know that there are several Federal Codes that are used in most states to govern the meat labeling aspect of retail stores. I was wondering if in your state you require any additional standards in regards to the packages of meat being sold at retail stores; specifically any additional requirements for labeling of the identify of the product –

OR I wanted to know if your state uses the URMIS (Uniform Retail meat Identity Standard) as a way to identify, on the label, fresh meat products.

I would appreciate any information you have.

Thank you,

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