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**RE: Ramarc Foods Inc. Est. # 27326**

**This letter shall serve as notification that since 02/18/2003, Ramarc Foods Inc. Est. 27326 has been online with a U.S.D.A approved HACCP Program. Ramarc Foods processes meat products for domestic and international trade. In accordance with 9 CFR 417.2(a) we have conducted a hazard analysis to determine food safety hazards reasonably likely to occur in our process and identified measures to control these hazards. As required by 9 CFR 417.2 (b), we have developed a HACCP plan. All products are currently in the Raw not Ground Process Category.**

**Ramarc Foods has measures in place to verify that all specified risk materials (SRMs) are excluded from qualified edible product. Ramarc also has purchase specifications with all suppliers, stating that all meat products purchased have one or more Critical Control Points in place validated to eliminate or reduce pathogens. All beef suppliers to Ramarc Foods, have one or more of the following CCP's in place to eliminate or reduce E coli O157:H7 below detectable levels, and a prerequisite program in place complying with FSIS Notice 44-02, II C dated 11-04-02.; lactic acid carcass application, steam vacuums, steam pasteurization carcass cabinet, or a chlorinated spray chill.**

**Ramarc Foods, Inc. has (as of 12-3-07) reassessed our HACCP plan in response to FSIS 65-07, and is in compliance by having one or more Critical Control Points in place validated to reduce or eliminate E coli O157:H7, and all beef trimmings produced by Ramarc Foods' cutting or skinning process that are intended to be sold for human consumption will be tested for E coli O157:H7 using the FSIS preferred N-60 Excision Method, or another FSIS approved method. Tested product may be held until test results are confirmed unless produced specifically "FOR COOKING PURPOSES ONLY," or "NOT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION." Should you have any additional questions concerning our HACCP program, you may contact me.**

**Sincerely,**

**Mark Gehrman**

**Ramarc Foods Inc.**