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SAMPLE LETTER FROM CATTLE PRODUCER TO SLAUGHTER/PROCESSORS CONCERNING NON-AMBULATORY CATTLE

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You can give this letter to your livestock supplier to insure that you are not receiving non-ambulatory disabled cattle for slaughter, that cannot be used in the human food chain under the new USDA BSE regulations and directives. It is important to emphasize to your supplier that accurate information be given to you concerning the ambulatory condition of the animals being presented for slaughter.

To: Cattle Slaughter/Processor (Name of Company)

FROM: Cattle Supplier (Name of Company)

RE: Ambulatory Status of Cattle

Date:

This letter indicates that the cattle I am/we are presenting to you for slaughter and/or processing are not non-ambulatory disabled livestock. I/We understand that non-ambulatory disabled cattle cannot be harvested and/or slaughtered for human food, in either inspected or custom-exempt establishments, per **USDA-FSIS Notice 5-04, *Interim Guidance for Non-Ambulatory Disabled Cattle and Age Determination***.

Under this Notice, non-ambulatory disabled livestock are defined as livestock that cannot rise from a recumbent position and/or cannot walk, including but not limited to, those with broken appendages, severed tendons or ligaments, nerve paralysis, fractured vertebral column or metabolic conditions.

It is imperative that the information you are furnishing in this letter concerning the ambulatory condition of the animals presented for slaughter be accurate.

_____ The livestock I am/we are presenting for slaughter is 30 month of age or older.

_____ The livestock I am/we are presenting for slaughter is under 30 months of age.

Signature _____

Print Name _____

(Name of Supplier):

Street Address:

City/State/Zip:

Phone: