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Re: Beef Labelling

Dear Customer

The Beef Labelling system is a European Community (EC) wide system, which is intended to provide buyers with clear, reliable information about beef (including veal), on sale.

Compulsory rules now apply for the labelling of fresh or frozen beef (and these meats when minced) from animals slaughtered on or after the 1st September 2000. All beef offered for sale in the EC must be labelled with certain information.

In the case of beef sold from display, which has not been pre wrapped, all that is required is for the information to be displayed within the shop in a clear format. This must give details of the following: -

1. Reference code or number.
2. "Slaughtered in" (name of Member State or third country).
3. Licence number of slaughterhouse.
4. "Cutting/Cut in" (name of Member State or third country).
5. Licence numbers of cutting plants.
6. The name of the Member State, or third country in which the animal, or group of animals were born.
7. The name of the Member State, or third country in which the animal, or group of animals were raised.

All our beef is supplied to us from one Supplier, and subject to the rules and regulation of the local environmental department we can state that all the points above with exemption of point 1, will remain the same as long as we use the same supplier.

With regards to point one, our system is date linked. This means that beef bought on a certain date will have a certain batch code. Because the batch codes from our supplier are in a bar code format, any queries will need to be sent to the slaughterhouse for tracing.

The following information is given as our statement to beef labelling, regarding the beef that we sell.

Please Keep this information on your files.

We hope that this information is of use to you, and we welcome any queries that you may have.

Respectfully yours,

Daniel Parker
Partner
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