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Rockdale Beef Pty Ltd EST 517 confirms that it has implemented a system of controls that are designed to monitor and detect certain microbiological hazards (including, but not limited to, potential contamination of product with E.Coli 0157:H7).

The system of control implemented by Rockdale includes a Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) Plan. In October 2007 the HACCP Plan was reassessed and adjusted in order to adopt and implement US Government (FSIS) Federal Register Notice 9 CFR Part 417 Docket Number 00-022N dated 7th of October 2002 dealing with E.Coli 0157:H7 contamination of beef products.

In 2008 Rockdale adopted the updated US testing regime under AQIS meat notice 2008-05 which is verified by parallel AQIS testing programs.

To verify Rockdale's hygiene procedures (Pre shipment Review) the effective operation of the following are monitored and recorded:

- Standard Operating Procedures
- Work Instructions
- Meat Hygiene Assessment program
- Current Critical Control Points (CCP)
- Corrective Action S.O.P

Rockdale carries out microbial monitoring for E.Coli 0157:H7. End point testing as required by customer or country requirements is used to verify the effectiveness of operations listed above.

Analysis for E.Coli 0157:H7 is conducted in Rockdale's NATA and AQIS accredited laboratory. Results from the testing of samples for E.Coli 0157:H7 have been obtained over the past year. Of the 538 meat samples have been analysed by either Biocontrol VIP EHEC System or Neogen Reveal Kit methods with only 2 positives and the 50 offal tests 0 positives. The E.Coli 0157:H7 sampling procedures and analytical methods have been validated by AQIS under AQIS Meat Notice 2008/05.

Rockdale's HACCP plan has been reviewed by the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service in accordance with the Federal Register Notice 9 CFR Part 417 Document Number 00-22N and is also verified by NCS International (NATA Certification Services International) to ensure it complies with the requirement of Codex Alimentarius Alinorm 97/13A.

Rockdale is committed to producing only the highest quality, food safe products.

Rockdale believes, on the basis of the test results it has received to date, that E.Coli 0157:H7 contamination is a hazard reasonably unlikely to occur in its products.

Yours faithfully,

James Kelly
Total Quality Manager
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