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Room 604 Annex Building
Washington, DC 20250

September 14, 1999

Mr. Dennis Arsenault
Cardinal Packaging, LTD
149D Industrial Crescent
Summerside, PE CIN 5P8
Canada

Dear Mr. Arsenault:

I am responding to your facsimile of September 13, 1999, requesting the issuance of a "no objection" letter from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the use of your Top Dog aprons in federally inspected meat and poultry plants.

There are no regulatory requirements for prior review and approval, by any central USDA authority, of aprons.

Aprons, unlike gloves, which require the supplier's assurance of compliance with the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), are not normally considered by us to be for direct prolonged contact with food. However, since some product contact is unavoidable, it is highly recommended that the aprons be formulated in compliance with the FFDCA, which would allow for direct contact repeated use. It is also recommended that you provide the Federally inspected establishment with a letter of certification that assures your products compliance. Although not mandatory, the certification will facilitate the acceptance and use of your product in Federally inspected establishments. Of course, the performance of your product would have to be satisfactory to the USDA Inspector-in-Charge.

If we can be of further assistance, please contact me at Area Code (202) 205-0464.

Sincerely,

Bill Jones, Chemist
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4 February 2004

File #T222

Stephen Hurst
President
Top Dog Manufacturing
RR#3
Summerside, Prince Edward Island, Canada
C1N 4J9

Amended: product name change

RE: **T222 Top Dog Manufacturing**
 Summerside, Prince Edward Island, Canada, C1N 4J9
 04/02/04 x1 Top Dog Urethane Apron
 04/02/04 x1 Top Dog Urethane Gown Apron
 04/02/04 x1 Top Dog Urethane Protective Sleeves

This is in reference to your letter of January 20, 2004, concerning the aforementioned aprons and sleeves for which you have requested acceptance for use in federally registered food establishments.

Based on the available information, no objection would be taken to the use of the above aprons and sleeves for use in registered establishments.

This acceptance is not to be misconstrued as an endorsement for this or similar aprons and sleeves, and their use in Registered Establishments will depend upon their continued acceptability to all concerned.

Should any changes occur in the chemical formulation of the aforementioned aprons and sleeves, then this acceptance will be considered NULL and VOID.

Yours truly,

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