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NATIONAL MEAT INSPECTION COMMISSION

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TO : ALL SLAUGHTERHOUSE & POULTRY DRESSING PLANT OWNERS/OPERATORS

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Executive Director

SUBJECT : COLLECTION OF SAMPLES FOR LABORATORY ANALYSIS

Please be informed that the National Meat Inspection Commission has on - going program on collection of samples for laboratory analysis. This is a continuing program for us to establish baseline data as basis for National Reference Standard on pathogen and residue limits.

The following are the laboratory procedures conducted and the schedule of collection.

ACTIVITIES	SAMPLE REQUIRED	VOLUME OF SAMPLE	SCHEDULE OF COLLECTION
RESIDUE	Muscle tissue (heart/diaphragm - hogs) (Breast muscle - chicken)	250 grams	1st month of each quarter (Jan, April, July, Oct.)
	Kidney Liver	1 piece 250 grams	
WATER CONTAMINANTS	Water Water system & Deepwell (Water tank, Faucet)	100 ml.	2nd month of each quarter (Feb, May, Aug, Nov.)
PATHOGEN MONITORING (Hygiene & Sanitation)	Carcass swab	5 carcass swabs	3rd month of each quarter (March, June, Sept, Dec.
SLH	Facility/Equipment swab Swab (flooring, dehairing table, scalding vat, Hook, & Butchers knife	5 equipment/ facility	
PDP	Swab (Leg conveyor belt, wing conveyor belt, fingers of dehairing machine, sorting table, chilling tank		

Regional offices and staff will coordinate and explain fully the said program. Hoping for your utmost cooperation and compliance.

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