

9 June 2014

Ms. Margaret Buggy,  
Advanced Micro Services & Environmental Laboratories Ltd T/A ALS,  
Carrigeen Business Park,  
Clonmel,  
Co. Tipperary.

***Re: Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine Approval for microbiological testing required for meat plants for US trade.***

Dear Margaret,

I wish to advise you that with effect from 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2014 Advanced Micro Services & Environmental Laboratories Ltd T/A ALS, Carrigeen Business Park, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary has been approved for microbiological testing required for meat plants for US trade subject to the approved laboratory continuing to adhere to all the conditions of approval which are listed below.

***Conditions of approval:***

1. *Testing samples using USDA compliant methods that are accredited.*
2. *Submitting Salmonella and E. coli O157 isolates to the Backweston Laboratory Complex as soon as feasible for typing.*
3. *Submission of Proficiency Testing results and other documentation supporting quality control/testing activities upon request.*
4. *Notifying DAFM of:*
  - 4.1. *The source of any E. coli O157 or any other pathogens if requested.*
  - 4.2. *Any changes to the laboratory's accreditation status.*
  - 4.3. *Any major non-compliances or concerns with the reliability of the laboratory's testing.*

Yours sincerely



Michael Walsh  
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