



Boxed 2-Piece Chuck Product Information

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Dear Valued Customer:

Effective October 26, 2009 ALL '2-piece boneless chucks' purchased from Tyson Fresh Meats will be sampled, tested and passed for *E. coli* O157:H7 prior to release into commerce. For vacuum packaged boxed products this will be a robust N60+ sampling protocol similar to the Tyson Total-N60+ program applied to 100% of our beef trimmings and the robust N60+ testing protocol on our variety meat products that are intended for raw ground use. The '2-piece boneless chuck' products are now only available as tested and passed product. Note: There will be a separate line item service cost applied to this negative tested, vacuum packaged boxed product. Your Tyson Field Sales representative can advise you of this additional service charge.

These new boxed product codes will be used for the various '2-piece chuck' styles → D1412ACT, D1417ACT, D1416ACT, and D1414ACT. Each are identified by a 'T' code qualifier at the end of the product code to indicate the products have been "Tested, found negative, and are acceptable for raw ground use". After the effective date of October 26, 2009 no '2-piece boneless chuck' product will be offered for sale by Tyson Fresh Meats unless it has been appropriately tested and passed.

**The information above is from a memo prepared for our Tyson Fresh Meats customer base, explaining our forward actions for production of 2 PC Boneless Chucks. The information below provides detail regarding sampling and Lot Identification of the boxed product. This information is valuable to both our customers and Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc., in the event of information requests from customers, or traceback of product if ever needed.**

LOT Definition: Each piece in each box will be individually sampled with a thin surface slice removed from each piece. Each test 'LOT' consists of at least 30 individual boxes, each box containing 2 pieces with each piece individually vacuum packaged. This is a robust N60+ sampling and testing program. NO '2-Piece Boneless Chuck' product will be packaged/boxed that has NOT received a validated NEGATIVE test for *E. coli* O157:H7.



Each box is labeled with a unique test LOT number from which the individual box can be traced back. The label example below illustrates how the box end label of each and every box may serve as an individual CNT [certified negative tested] for end-users of 2-Piece Boneless Chucks that are intended for raw ground use.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Label - The “**T**” letter at the end of the product code [i.e., D-1412-**ACT**] identifies the product as ‘tested and negative’.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Label - The number at the bottom of the primary box product label (eg **1C234**) is the ‘test LOT’ identifier for the respective box.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Label - The Serial Number (e.g. **0518000**) located on the Weight Label sticker of each box is unique and different for each box.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Label – Code Date information [circled] is critical for quick and accurate reference of the production information for the individual box.

The diagram shows a product label for Boneless Beef Chuck. The label is divided into two main sections. The left section contains the product code **D-1412-**ACT****, a barcode, the product name **BONELESS BEEF CHUCK**, **2 PC**, the website **WWW.TYSON.COM/IBPFOODSAFETY**, and the test LOT number **1C234**. The right section contains a weight label sticker with a barcode, the serial number **0518000**, the pack date **09/03/08**, establishment number **EST. 245C**, recall code **2478AMA0108-0840**, net weight **37.4** lb and **16.96** kg, and use-by date **09/23/08**. A legend on the right side of the diagram maps these elements to their respective categories: Variable Internal Company Information, Serial Number, Date, Establishment Number, Recall Code, Net Weight (lbs), Net Weight (kg), Country of Origin, and Use By Date (Retail Labeled Products Only). Arrows point from the legend to the corresponding elements on the label.

| Label Element                         | Category                                   |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Variable Internal Company Information | Variable Internal Company Information      |
| 0518000                               | Serial Number                              |
| 09/03/08                              | Date                                       |
| EST. 245C                             | Establishment Number                       |
| 2478AMA0108-0840                      | Recall Code                                |
| 37.4                                  | Net Weight (lbs)                           |
| 16.96 kg                              | Net Weight (kg)                            |
| PRODUCT OF USA, CANADA, MEXICO        | Country of Origin                          |
| 09/23/08                              | Use By Date (Retail Labeled Products Only) |

Each of these elements on the box label's of 2-Piece Boneless Chucks are critical components in identification of test LOT's and associated product data. If you should need additional information on this product to support your HACCP program and the end-use of the product, you may go to the Tyson Fresh Meats Food Safety Web Site:

<https://www.tysonfoods.com/sustainability/food/certifications-and-programs>.

If you require additional information from Tyson Fresh Meats QA on this product, please e-mail us at: [Tyson Fresh Meats Inquiries](#)