



15th June 2015

Mr. Graham O'Halloran,
Advanced Laboratory Testing Ltd.,
Boxer House,
Unit 4, Newbridge Industrial Estate,
Newbridge,
Co. Kildare.

**Re: Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine Approval for microbiological testing
required for meat plants for US trade – extension of microbiological testing approval to include
the Shiga toxigenic *E. coli* detection method**

Dear Graham,

I wish to advise you that with effect from 10th June 2015 the Shiga toxigenic *E. coli* detection method is added to the approval for microbiological testing, required for meat plants for US trade, of Advanced Laboratory Testing Ltd., Boxer House, Unit 4, Newbridge Industrial Estate, Newbridge, Co. Kildare.

The approval is subject to the approved laboratory continuing to adhere to all the revised conditions of approval which are listed below.

Conditions of approval:

1. Testing samples using USDA compliant methods that are accredited.
2. Reporting results of samples directly to DAFM Veterinary Inspector
3. Submitting *Salmonella* and STEC isolates to the DAFM Backweston Laboratory Complex as soon as feasible for typing.
4. Submission of Proficiency Testing results and other documentation supporting quality control/testing activities upon request.
5. Submission of all information requested by DAFM Backweston Laboratory Complex, e.g. annual questionnaires, annual accreditation assessment report, data on testing, etc.
6. Notifying DAFM of:
 - 6.1. The source of any *Salmonella* and STEC if requested.
 - 6.2. Any changes to the laboratory's accreditation status.
 - 6.3. Any major non-compliances or concerns with the reliability of the laboratory's testing.

Yours sincerely

Nick Barwise
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Meat and Meat Policy Division