June 05, 2014

Dear Mr. Wouters,

This is in response to your June 03, 2014, email correspondence requesting the United States Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) acceptance of the use of tamper evident/self-adhesive pressure sensitive labels or “break away” labels. Additionally, you requested approval for the “break away” labels use on Rational equipment (brand name) or by any third party’s manufactured equipment which is under license by Rational.

This office carefully examined the “break away” labels to determine if the adhesive substance applied to the labels and the segmentation (V-cut) of the labels are tamper evident. Our research indicates that the design of the adhesive tamper-evident label will maintain proper identification of containers during storage and transportation. As a result, the following item numbers have been approved for use provided they are utilized on Rational equipment or by any third party’s manufactured equipment which is under license by Rational:

US1001TL through US2000TL

The processing/packaging facility is responsible for complying with the labeling requirements set forth in 7 CFR Part 56. Failure to comply with these regulatory labeling requirements will result in the retention(s) of product which bares the USDA grademark.

We appreciate the opportunity to assist your company with this matter. If you have any questions, please contact this office.

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