

## **Regulatory Alert: USDA Releases Grinding Log Rule**

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On July 16, 2014, the Food Safety and Inspection Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture released a proposed rule to require that **all official establishments and retail stores** that grind raw beef products must keep records that disclose the identity and contact information of the supplier of all source materials that they use in the preparation of each lot of raw ground beef. Establishments and retailers must also record the names of those supplied source materials, including beef components and carryover from one production lot to the next. Records are required to document lot numbers, the amount of beef component used in each lot, the date and time each lot was produced, and the date and time when grinding equipment and other related food contact surfaces were cleaned and sanitized. Recordkeeping requirements apply to not just ordinary lots of ground beef, but raw beef products that are ground at an individual consumer's request.

### **Summary**

#### **Who does the regulation apply to?**

Retail stores and official establishments that grind raw beef products

#### **What records must be kept?**

- The following information on the establishment supplying the materials used to prepare each lot of raw ground beef product:
  - The establishment name
  - Point of contact at the establishment
  - Phone number of the establishment
  - USDA establishment number
- All supplier lot numbers and production dates
- The names of the supplied materials
  - Includes beef components and any materials carried over from one production lot to the next
- The amount of beef component used in each lot (in pounds)
- The date and time each lot of raw ground beef product is produced
- The date and time when grinding equipment and other related food-contact surfaces are cleaned and sanitized
- Recordkeeping requirements apply to raw beef products that are ground at an individual consumer's request

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