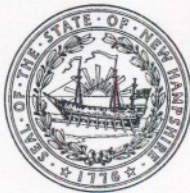


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February 22, 2005

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Dear Pat:

Thank you for your letter of February 11 re: progress report on 2004 CSTE position statement ID-06 entitled "Improved Inter-Agency Coordination for Multi-State Outbreaks Associated with Salmonella Species".

In response to your questions, I would respond as follows:

1. Please summarize what, if anything has happened since the resolution has passed. *USDA has agreed to conduct a risk assessment of the presence of Salmonella DT104 in ground beef.*
2. Has there been any positive action or outcome due to the resolution? If so, please summarize. *Agencies have articulated positions, but no positive outcome or action directly attributable to the statement. This is not unexpected given the topic. I believe however the statement may have been a positive contributor to the USDA action mentioned above.*

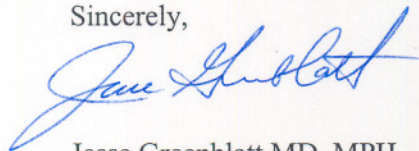
Additionally, with support of Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine and CDC, CSTE has convened a conference on MDR Salmonella including DT104 and Ground Beef. The multi-disciplinary conference is scheduled for March 8-9, 2005 and has an agenda highlighting human health, veterinary, regulatory, industry and consumer issues. We are hopeful that this will further inter-agency coordination by providing a forum for further discussion.

3. Is there any action needed by CSTE at this time to assist in further implementation? *Possibly an additional position statement regarding regulatory action. CSTE should consider adopting further regulatory action to reduce S. DT104 in ground beef as an organization strategic objective.*
4. Were any partners mobilized because of the resolution? *Yes, through the conference we've been able to mobilize additional partners in the veterinary and consumer fields.*

5. Any other comments or suggestions? *None at this time.*

Thank you for the support of CSTE for this position statement and action to address this emerging public health concern.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jesse Greenblatt", with a stylized, cursive script.

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