BACKGROUND

On April 11, 2022, the Raleigh District Office was notified of a Mexico Port of Entry (POE) Violation involving the rejection of bone-in pork shoulder picnics produced at Est. 18079 (Smithfield Fresh Meats Corp – Tar Heel) for the presence of clenbuterol. OBJECTIVE

This serves to notify establishment management of the IIC assessment of the POE Violation investigation. SUMMARY:

Per the establishment’s investigation, the affected product was derived from animals slaughtered on February 02, 2022, and was produced on February 03, 2022. The establishment contacted their live animal suppliers and determined that clenbuterol is not used in their animal production systems. Establishment management provided letters from the company’s nutritionist and staff veterinarian attesting to this claim. Establishment management was unable to provide any monitoring records to support the animals they receive are free of clenbuterol for review. According to LIMS – Direct (Laboratory Information Management System), three samples were collected for the National Residue Program in the past 90 days. Collections occurred on February 01, 2022, March 22, 2022, and March 28, 2022. All samples were tested for beta agonists with no violative test results. Est. 18079 has never had a violative test result from samples collected under the National Residue Program. As the IIC at Est. 18079, I was unable to find any support that clenbuterol is used on the animals the establishment receives. BACKGROUN

The affected product was exported by.

The product was associated with export certificate and signed on February 08, 2022. I notified establishment management of the violation on 04/12/2022.