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Subject: BSE-TSE Statement

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To: All Domino Foods, Inc. Valued Customers:

This letter is written in response to customer inquiries regarding Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) and Transmissible Spongiform Encephalitis (TSE), aka “Mad Cow Disease” and its potential impact on the quality of our refined cane sugar products. Please be advised that Domino Foods, Inc. is clearly aware that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the U.S. Department of Agriculture have both recommended that products intended for use in foods, drugs, cosmetics or medical devices not be manufactured using Bovine-derived material from countries where BSE has been diagnosed. BSE is one type of TSE. The BSE identified countries are listed in the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations at 9 CFR 94.18.

The origin of the raw material for all refined sugar products manufactured at all of our refineries is cane sugar (derived from the sugar cane plant) from both domestic (Florida, Louisiana, and Texas) and foreign/off-shore sources. These raw materials are non-animal derived. There is no known published scientific evidence linking BSE to either the sugar cane plant or any products produced from this source of sucrose. Based upon our review and knowledge of the ingredients and materials utilized to manufacture products containing stevia, there are also no BSE issues associated with any of our stevia products.

We utilize natural charcoal (bone char) from approved suppliers in the refining process for decolorization at our Chalmette, and Crockett (C&H) refineries. During manufacturing, the clean, sun dried, crushed cattle bone is heated to a temperature of at least 800°C (1472°F) by the suppliers. Based on our knowledge of the raw materials and processes used in the manufacture of Domino Foods, Inc.’s cane sugar products, BSE is not an issue for any of our finished products from any location, including Buffalo, Calumet, Chicago, Cleveland and Nashville.

We trust this information is sufficient. Should you require additional information, please feel free to contact us at [QualityDocs-NA@asr-group.com](mailto:QualityDocs-NA@asr-group.com).

Sincerely,  
Domino Foods, Inc. / ASR Group