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## NMA UPDATES RESOURCES

OAKLAND, CA – The National Meat Association has updated its entire library of member resources. Helping members understand the relationship between agency and industry is a primary goal of the NMA, and our resource library serves as a vital information piece. Step-by-step instructions help businesses comply with federal regulations, and clear details explain important issues affecting the meat industry.

The resource library supports NMA's other services, including a staff of regulatory advisors to provide hands-on help for members. NMA works with members to initiate the process that resolves appeals of government disputes and directs members to the right sources for a solution.

Other membership benefits include our weekly industry newsletter, *Lean Trimmings*, and targeted workshops and teleconferences. For a copy of any resources in the library, or if you're interested in joining the NMA, please send an email to <u>staff@nmaonline.org</u> or call (510) 763-1533.

The following resources have been updated and are available:

Anti-Harassment Program Appeals Bloodborne Pathogens & First-Aid Response BSE Checklist for Assessing Pest Control Program Condensate and Dripping Water HACCP Processed Meats Foot and Mouth Disease *E. Coli* Biotype I Sponge Sampling Testing Guidelines Handling FSIS Compliance Visits

and many more

A complete list of resources is available online at the NMA website: <u>http://www.nmaonline.org/html/Body\_resources.htm</u>.

National Meat Association is a non-profit trade association. Since 1946, NMA has represented meat packers and processors, equipment manufacturers and food suppliers who provide services to the meat industry. The association has members throughout the United States, as well as in Canada, Australia and Mexico.