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Service

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Mr. Brian Caldwell  
P.O. Box 146  
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Dear Mr. Caldwell:

Equipment such as your ~~Handy Twine Knife~~ may be used in federally inspected meat and poultry plants without a formal letter of acceptance from this office provided:

1. It creates no adverse conditions or safety hazards.
2. It is installed, maintained, and operated in a manner acceptable to the inspector in charge.

This letter does not imply compliance with Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Standards. In addition, it should not be considered an approval of processing methods. Any departure from established procedures must be cleared with the Slaughter Inspection Standards and Procedures Division or the Processed Products Inspection Division.

Sincerely,

*David C. Zeitz, DVM*

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