

To Whom it may concern

BSE – TSE/ Prion Statement

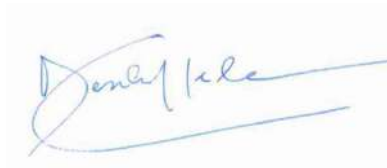
It is the policy of ROUSSELOT to take every precaution to protect customers and the final consumer from every possible health hazard.

Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE), is one of a group of diseases in animals and humans called transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSE), or prion diseases. As far as the risk of BSE / TSE transmission is concerned through bovine gelatine and bovine hydrolyzed collagen/gelatine, the following conditions are applied:

1. All bovine raw materials are imported or produced under official veterinary control according to the current international standards either OIE standards, (OIE: World Organization for Animal Health), European or US regulations.
2. All bovine raw materials (hides and bones) come from cattle deemed fit for human consumption by ante and post mortem inspection, sourced from countries which have implemented a BSE surveillance program.

Considering the above conditions, as well as the present scientific knowledge about BSE / TSE transmission, US and the European experts from the US Food and Drug Administration (US FDA) and the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) have declared bovine gelatine and bovine hydrolyzed collagen/gelatine safe end-products regarding the BSE / TSE risk.

ROUSSELOT is also manufacturing Rousselot® Gelatines, Peptan® Collagen Peptides and ProTake® from porcine and/or fish which are known to be BSE / TSE and prion free.



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