

Greener Pastures<sup>TM</sup> Protocol  
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## ISA TanTec guarantees the following standards with the integrated Greener Pastures<sup>TM</sup> protocol:

**1.1** Hides are fully traceable by lot to the group of farms or ranches with chain of custody documentation including the following information:

- name of source feedyard
- origin ranch or farm
- respective contact person
- cattle identification and head count

**1.2** Every source abattoir supplying the Greener Pastures program has a Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) certification or North American Meat Institute (NAMI) animal welfare handling guidelines audit certification. BQA and NAMI work to improve the quality of animal welfare by connecting producers with the latest research and animal care techniques. It demonstrates the commitment to both safety and quality in animal welfare.

**1.3** Transportation of animals must be Beef Quality Assurance Transportation (BQAT) certified or adhere to the Animal Welfare Transportation guidelines established by the North American Meat Institute (NAMI). BQAT and NAMI ensure that there is proper handling and transportation of animals. The programs cover cattle handling guidelines, checklist for traveling, loading / unloading, hot/cold weather factors and fit/unfit/injured/weak cattle, bio-security and emergency action plans, etc.

**1.4** The harvesting of animals meets USDA Humane Handling program protocol, verified by 3rd party independent auditors. The protocols of the Greener Pastures program ensures that the harvesting of animals is to be carried out only by humane methods.

**1.5** Animals under the Greener Pastures Program are fed a 100% vegetarian diet. There are no animal byproducts.

