**Harvesting Gastrointestinal Tract**

**General Requirements**

* Before harvest, notify the inspector that the gastrointestinal tract (GIT) will be harvested for human consumption.
* Any portion of the GIT can be harvested as casing, except the distal ileum of bovines (cattle of all ages).
* Open, empty and clean all portions of GIT in a manner that does not pose a risk of cross-contamination (for example at an area separated from the evisceration floor).
* Inspector examines the whole GIT and approves only the healthy parts for harvesting.
* Accumulation of GIT for later preparation is not allowed.

**Procedure**

Steps one to three below must be performed in a dedicated area on the slaughter floor (separated from the area where dressed eviscerated carcasses and other approved organs are handled).

1. Empty and rinse GIT or any portion of it until the dripping water is clear.
2. Trim off any contamination or abnormality (inflammation, lump, foreign body, parasitic lesion).
3. Collect GIT in a clean container.
4. Present the collected GIT to the on-site inspector for inspection and approval.
5. Transfer the approved portions to a cooler.

☐ Operator will follow the above procedure or propose a new process outlined below:

**Health Officer’s Comments:**

**Supervisor’s Comments:**

[ ]  Approved [ ]  Not approved

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