

**Draft Risk Assessment of the  
Public Health Impact of  
*Escherichia coli* O157:H7  
in Ground Beef**

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