RETAIL PACKAGED MEAT DONATIONS

I WANT TO TAKE A RETAIL PACKAGED MEAT DONATION

Don’t Accept NO

Has the donation been stored properly?

YES

Don’t Accept NO

Is the package sealed properly with proper labels?

YES

Don’t Accept YES

Is the meat discolored?

NO

Don’t Accept NO

Can you transport the donation safely?

YES

Don’t Accept NO

Do you have the proper equipment to store and distribute the donation safely?

YES

Accept Donation

Eat forward. Feed America.
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QUALITY OF DONATIONS
• Meat should not look discolored or questionable
• Meat should not look like it was frozen, thawed and then refrozen
• Meat should not have ice crystals on it

STORAGE OF DONATION PRIOR TO PICKUP
• Donor must have a designated location labeled, stating that the food in that location is for donation purposes
• Donated food must be kept off the ground
• Meat must be frozen at 0˚F or below
• Meat must be frozen solid

PACKAGING REQUIREMENTS
• Labeled so you can read what the product is, the distributor, and the ingredients
• Coded so you can trace it later if needed
• Package is sealed with no tears, rips, stains, etc.
• Package is sealed tight and the plastic wrap is not bubbling
• Items are in original package

CODE DATE REQUIREMENTS
• Can accept meat that was frozen on code date
• Once meat is frozen, it is good for 3 months

TRANSPORTATION OF DONATION
TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS
• Truck with a freezer unit capable of keeping product at 0˚F or below at all times
• Commercial-grade insulated blanket that covers entire donation
• Cooler filled with ice at all times

STORAGE AND REDISTRIBUTION CONDITIONS
• Enough room to store donation
• Donation must be stored off the floor
• Storage area must be clean
• Freezers must have a thermometer inside the unit
• Meat must be stored at 0˚F or below

Questions? Contact your local Feeding America food bank.