



# GMIS LABEL CHECKLIST

There are 5 basic steps required for meat label approval from the State of Georgia Meat Inspection Section (GMIS).

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**Ensure all mandatory label features are present.**

- Product name
- Handling statement
- Inspection legend/Est. number
- Net weight
- Business name and address
- Ingredients statement
- Safe handling instruction
- Nutrition labeling (unless exemption applies)

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Complete 3 copies of the **Georgia Meat Inspection Section (GMIS) Label Submittal Form**.

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**Staple 3 color copies of your label** to each of the completed GMIS Label Submittal Forms.

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**Attach supporting documentation** if you are making a special statement or claim on your label.

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**Submit your documents to either the GMIS, in-plant Inspector at the licensed meat processing establishment or the GMIS Program Manager at the GMIS Atlanta Office at:**

Georgia Department of Agriculture, Meat Inspection Section, Room 122,  
19 Martin Luther King Junior Drive, SW, Atlanta, GA 30334

## **Please note the following:**

The GMIS in-plant Inspector can approve single ingredient products that bare no special claims within 3 to 5 business days of receipt of the label approval documents.

The GMIS Program Manager must approve all product labels with special statements and claims, multiple ingredients; for temporary labels, religious exemptions, exotic species, etc. This label approval process takes up to 7 to 10 business days, once all complete and accurate documents have been received at the GMIS Atlanta Office.

These instructions are for state inspected and licensed establishments only. Talmadge Aiken (TA) and Federal USDA licensed plants have completely different label approval procedures. If you have any questions regarding this label approval process please call 404-656-3673 or visit: <http://agr.georgia.gov/meat-inspection.aspx>.

