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## **OSI Group Begins Using Boxless Beef Block Program**

***Packaging materials from Brazilian exports significantly reduced***

**Aurora, Illinois, USA, October 28, 2010** – OSI Group has begun working with Brazilian beef suppliers to utilize “boxless beef blocks” for their beef exports to other countries.

This approach has a number of environmental and economic advantages, including:

- Elimination of plastic entrapment in the beef block during freezing
- Waste reduction through the elimination of cartons and plastic bags
- Cost reduction for cardboard cartons and plastic packaging

These blocks are formed by freezing beef in a plastic box and then building a pallet for shipment from the frozen blocks. Cardboard cartons are not used in the construction, handling or transportation of the beef blocks. OSI worked with Brazilian beef suppliers to get them to utilize this process within their facilities.

Boxless beef block production represents an opportunity for customers to reduce carton waste and costs associated with shipping frozen beef blocks and realize the environmental benefit of using less disposable cardboard and plastic materials.



Fresh beef cuts are frozen in a plastic box to create “boxless beef blocks”.



Boxless beef blocks are stacked onto a pallet.



A plastic bag type “cover” is wrapped around the beef blocks, which is then secured to the pallet for loading and shipment.

### **About OSI**

For over 50 years, the OSI Group, LLC has been a global leader in supplying value added protein items and other food products to leading foodservice and retail brands. They are a privately held corporation with more than 40 facilities in 17 countries. Their global headquarters is located outside of Chicago in Aurora, Illinois, USA.

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