

Canadian beef recall plant to be taken over

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(AP)—A subsidiary of a Brazilian-based company is taking over management of XL Foods, the Alberta plant at the heart of one of the largest beef recalls in Canada's history.

In a news release issued from its headquarters in Greeley, Colorado on Wednesday, JBS USA says the agreement also provides the company an exclusive option to buy the Canadian and U.S. operations of XL Foods.

Last month the plant—one of Canada's largest beef processors—was closed over E. coli contamination. Fifteen people in four provinces have become ill from a strain of E. coli linked to the plant.

American food inspectors first noted a problem during a border check on Sept. 3—one day before the [Canadians](#).

Canadian officials will soon to decide whether to reopen it.

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