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CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ms. Debbie Crouse  
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Dear Ms. Crouse:

This Office represents the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (hereinafter, "NCDACS") and this letter is written in that capacity.

We recently received information from NCDACS concerning misbranded poultry products which you processed, transported, stored, offered for sale, and sold to your wholesale customer. Specifically, the NCDACS investigation found approximately 3 pounds of misbranded poultry products (3 uncooked frozen chicken pot pies) bearing no NCDA or USDA mark of inspection or required labeling. In a signed statement dated August 7, 2009, you admitted that you prepared the pot pies in your home kitchen without the benefit of County, USDA or NCDA inspection and wholesaled the misbranded chicken pot pies to The Posh Fox located at 10927 US Highway 21 S, Roaring Gap, NC for the sole purpose of resale to the general public.

Please be advised that the sale of misbranded and/or uninspected poultry products is a violation of N.C.G.S. §106-549.56 with criminal penalties. Please understand that you will not receive any further warning with regard to this violation. If you should continue to sell misbranded and/or uninspected poultry products, the NCDACS will pursue legal action against you to invoke the penalties associated with these continued violations. I certainly hope this expensive action will not be necessary.

Sincerely,

Anne J. Brown  
Special Deputy Attorney General

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