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CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Charles Coats
City Market Produce
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Raleigh, NC 27602

Dear Mr. Coats:

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 meat products that you processed, stored, offered for sale and sold to the general public. Specifically, the NCDACS investigation found approximately 15 pounds of misbranded meat products (sausage) with no NCDA or USDA mark of inspection or required labeling. In a signed statement dated July 16, 2009, you admitted that for approximately four years you purchased bulk boxes of fresh pork sausage from Nahunta Pork Center, Pikeville, NC (Est. #P-80), removed the individual links and placed them into plastic ziplock bags and sold them to your retail customers. Your store does not operate under county, state or federal inspection.

Please be advised that the sale of misbranded and/or uninspected meat is a violation of North Carolina General Statute (N.C.G.S.) §106-549.23 with civil and 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 meat 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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10/21/09 Sent copies to: Donald H. DeLozier, MBID Director

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