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CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Samuel Sanchez
Sanchez Produce
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Dear Mr. Sanchez:

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, transported, offered for sale and sold to the general public. Specifically, the NCDACS investigation found approximately 75 lbs. of misbranded meat products with no NCDA or USDA mark of inspection or required labeling. In a signed statement dated December 22, 2008, you admitted that you purchased beef tongues, beef cheek meat, beef tripe, beef intestines and pork hams in large boxes marked with USDA marks of inspection from Prime Meats in Tucker, GA. You further admitted that you repackaged the products into smaller retail size packages and sold them to your retail customers for approximately seven months. These products did not bear any mark of inspection and were thus misbranded. Your store does not operate under count, 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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