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CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Jose Mendoza
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Dear Mr. Mendoza:

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 slaughtered for Johnny Wright. Specifically, the NCDACS investigation found various custom processed pork cuts (sausage, backbones and ribs) with no NCDA or USDA mark of inspection or required labeling. In a signed statement dated April 7, 2009, you admitted that you slaughtered two hogs for Johnny Wright, placed the cut of meat name on each package but did not stamp the products "Not for Sale" as required on custom processed products. You further admitted that you further processed the meat products only as custom exempt. You are allowed to slaughter under UDSA inspection but not to further process.

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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cc: Mr. Donald H. Delozier, MPID Director

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