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CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Antonio Aguilera
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Dear Mr. Aguilera:

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 transported, stored, offered for sale and sold to the general public. Specifically, the NCDACS investigation found approximately 64 pounds of misbranded meat (pork lard and pork skins) products with no NCDA or USDA mark of inspection or required labeling. In a signed statement dated May 6, 2009, you admitted that you purchased 12 whole pig carcasses from Select Meat, Inc., Kannapolis, North Carolina and transported them to your county inspected meat market where you further processed the pig carcasses for your retail customers. The meats did not contain a USDA or NCDA mark of inspection or required labeling and was thus misbranded

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
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cc: Mr. Donald H. Delozier, MPID Director

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