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**CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Ms. Francisca Duran  
La San Luis Tienda Mexicana  
75 Sparta Road  
North Wilkesboro, NC 28659

Dear Ms. Duran:

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 stored, offered for sale and sold to the general public. Specifically, the NCDACS investigation found approximately 12 pounds (6 packages) of misbranded meat products (chorizo sausage) bearing no NCDA or USDA mark of inspection or required labeling. In a signed statement dated February 3, 2009, you admitted that you purchased the misbranded meat products from a lady by the name of Ms. Lorena Fernandez of Wilkesboro, NC. You further stated that Ms. Fernandez prepared the pork chorizo sausage in her home, sold it to your store and you, in turn, sold it to the general public without the benefit of inspection for approximately one month. 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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cc: Mr. Donald H. Delozier, MPID Director

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