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North Carolina Department of Agriculture  
and Consumer Services  
*Meat and Poultry Inspection Division*

Donald H. Delozier  
State Director

December 19, 2012

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Fine Halal Meats, Inc.  
Mr. Muhammad Ramzan Ehahi  
1464 Rhodes Road  
Lexington, NC 27292

**RE: CIVIL PENALTY ASSESSMENT FOR VIOLATIONS  
OF THE MEAT INSPECTION LAW.  
G.S. § 106-549.17 and 106-549.23.**

Dear Mr. Muhammad Ramzan Ehahi:

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute (G.S.) 106-549.35(c) this letter is notice of a civil penalty by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Meat and Poultry Inspection Division (NCDA&CS). The civil penalty assessment document is attached.

Within 60 days from the date of receipt, you must do one of the following:

1. Pay the civil penalty assessment; or
2. File a written petition for a contested case hearing in the Office of Administrative Hearings appealing the penalty assessment.

Pursuant to G.S. §150B-22, informal settlement negotiations may be initiated at any time. To negotiate a settlement of this assessment, present your offer to Mr. Donald H. Delozier, Director, Meat & Poultry Inspection Division, who may be contacted by telephone at (919) 707-3180. Settlement offers do not extend the 60 day deadline for payment or filing of a contested case petition.

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Additional information about your options is provided below:

**-PAYMENT-**

To pay the penalty, please send your payment by check or money order made payable to the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to:

North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
Donald H. Delozier, Director  
Meat & Poultry Inspection Division  
1001 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1001

**-APPEAL-**

If you file a contested case petition, it must be in writing and in the form prescribed by G.S. § 150B-23. File the petition and one copy with:

Office of Administrative Hearings  
6714 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1001

Any questions about filing a petition may be directed to the Clerk of OAH by telephone (919) 733-0926. You must serve NCDA&CS by mailing a copy of the petition to:

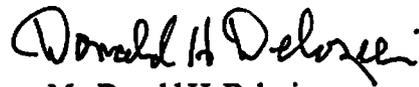
Mr. Ray Starling  
North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
Process Agent and General Counsel  
1001 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1001

Payment of the penalty will not foreclose further enforcement action against you for any new violation. If the violations which resulted in the assessment are of a continuing nature, NCDA&CS reserves the right to assess additional civil penalties in the future or take other enforcement action against you.

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Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Mr. Donald H. Delozier  
Director, Meat & Poultry Inspection Division

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Attachments: Assessment Document

CC: Ms. Anne J. Brown, Special Deputy Attorney General

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF DAVIDSON

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF  
AGRICULTURE & CONSUMER SERVICES  
MEAT & POULTRY INSPECTION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF )

Fine Halal Meats, Inc. )  
Mr. Muhammad Ramzan Ehahi )

FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE N.C. COMPULSORY )  
MEAT INSPECTION LAW )  
G.S. § 106-549.17 and 106-549.23 )

NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS  
AND ASSESSMENT OF  
CIVIL PENALTY

Acting pursuant to North Carolina General Statute (G.S.) § 106-549.35(c) Mr. Donald H. Delozier, Director, Meat and Poultry Inspection Division of North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (NCDA&CS) makes the following:

**I. FINDINGS OF FACTS:**

- A. On October 26, 2012, NCDA & CS, MPID Food Compliance Officers Percy Russell (hereinafter, FCO Russell) and Daniel Moody, Jr. (hereinafter, FCO Moody, respectively), performed a planned compliance review at Fine Halal Meats Inc., 1464 Rhodes Road, Lexington, NC and observed non-inspected slaughtering and processing of animals being conducted by the general public.
- B. On the premises of Fine Halal Meats, Inc. FCO's Russell and Moody observed eight motor vehicles, approximately 12 individuals and a livestock trailer containing four cows. In addition, one cow and one goat were observed in the holding pen waiting to be slaughtered.
- C. FCO's Russell and Moody interviewed an individual named Mr. Tranveer Iqbal, 1323 East Fairfield Road, High Point, NC who stated in a signed statement dated October 26, 2012 that he had made an arrangement with the owner of Fine Halal Meats, Mr. Mohammad Ramzan Elahi, to kill six goats and one cow at his facility. Mr. Tranveer Iqbal stated he slaughtered and processed six goats at Fine Halal Meats on October 26, 2012.
- D. In a signed statement dated October 26, 2012, Mr. Tranveer Iqbal stated he observed another individual slaughtering a goat and a sheep at Fine Halal Meats while he was there but could not provide his name.

- E. On October 26, 2012 FCO's Russell and Moody observed numerous unsanitary conditions and practices at Fine Halal Meats, Inc. which led to the direct adulteration of any and all animals slaughtered or processed at this facility. The unsanitary conditions and practices included but were not limited to:**
- a. Improper slaughtering and processing practices that led to the direct adulteration (hair, dirt and/or fecal material) of all animals observed that were slaughtered/processed,**
  - b. Unacceptable sanitation conditions throughout the facility such as animal heads, intestines, stomachs and hides lying all over the floor.**
- F. On October 26, 2012 FCO's Russell and Moody NC Detained four goat carcasses, one sheep carcass and approximately 150 pounds of cut up goat meat in white plastic bags that did not contain State (NCDA) or Federal (USDA) marks of inspection or required labeling and were adulterated with hair, dirt and/or fecal material.**
- G. Fine Halal Meats Inc., owned and operated by Mr. Mohammad Ramzan Ehahi, was a Federal (USDA) inspected establishment at one time but their "Grant of Inspection" was officially withdrawn on September 10, 2012.**
- H. Fine Halal Meats Inc., owned and operated by Mr. Mohammad Ramzan Ehahi, found to be providing/operating a non-inspected facility/location to the general public without required State (NCDA) or Federal (USDA) inspection.**

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. Mr. Muhammad Ramzan Ehahi, owner/operator of Fine Halal Meats, Inc. found to be operating/providing a non-inspected slaughter facility/location to the general public without benefit of State (NCDA) or Federal (USDA) inspection where conditions and practices were such that all animals slaughtered/processed were rendered adulterated and misbranded in violation of North Carolina General Statutes 106-549.17 and 106-549.23 and may be assessed a civil penalty of up to five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars per violation under G.S. §106-549.35(c).
- B. The Commissioner of Agriculture, pursuant to G.S. §106-549.35(c) has the authority to assess civil penalties in this matter. The authority has been delegated to Mr. Donald H. Delozier, Director, Meat and Poultry Inspection Division by the Commissioner of Agriculture pursuant to G.S. §143B-10(a).

III. DECISION

As required by G.S. §106-549.35(c) and in determining the amount of the civil penalty, I have considered the degree and extent of harm caused by the violation of G.S. § 106-549.17 and 106-549.23.

Accordingly Mr. Muhammad Ramzan Ehahi, owner/operator of Fine Halal Meats, Inc. is assessed a civil penalty of:

\$5,000.00 for violating G.S. §106-549.17 and 106-549.23  
\$5,000.00 TOTAL AMOUNT ASSESSED.

Dec. 19, 2012  
Date

Donald H. Delozier  
Mr. Donald H. Delozier, Director  
Meat and Poultry Inspection Division