



Steve Troxler
Commissioner

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

Dr. Beth Yongue
State Director

December 21, 2017

CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Gary K. Sparks
91 Front Street
Sparta, North Carolina 28675

NOTICE OF WARNING

We have an investigative case report showing that you violated the North Carolina Compulsory Meat Inspection Law. This reported violation was discussed with you on November 14, 2017. Specifically, our investigation revealed that you had processed, stored, transported, offered for sale and sold misbranded beef and pork jerky sticks wholesale to retail stores (Foley's One Stop Shop and Alleghany Meat Center) for the sole purpose of resale to the general public and selling to the general public, without the benefit of State (NCDA) or Federal (USDA) inspection. In a signed statement dated November 14, 2017 you stated that you processed, stored, transported, offered for sale and sold misbranded meat products wholesale to retail stores for the sole purpose of resale to the general public on one (1) occasion and sold to the general public for approximately seven (7) months.

Please be advised that the sale of misbranded and/or non-inspected meat products and the sale of misbranded and/or non-inspected poultry products is a violation of North Carolina General Statute (N.C.G.S.) §106-549.23 and §106-549.56 with civil and/or criminal penalties. Please be advised that you will not receive any further warning with regard to this violation. If you should continue to sell misbranded and/or non-inspected meat and poultry products, we 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. An officer from this department will visit you periodically to verify compliance.

Sincerely,

Dr. Beth Yongue
State Director

cc: Mr. Joe Reardon, Assistant Commissioner
Ms. Tina Hlabse, General Counsel
Mr. Chris McLennan, Assistant Attorney General