



Steve Troxler
Commissioner

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

W. Alan Wade
State Director

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CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ms. Irene Cortes
5103 Wetlands Drive
Raleigh, North Carolina 27610

NOTICE OF WARNING

We have an investigative case report showing that you violated the North Carolina Compulsory Meat Inspection Law and the North Carolina Poultry Products Inspection Law. This violation was discussed with you on September 12, 2015. Specifically, our investigation revealed that you had processed, stored, offered for sale and/or sold cooked pork tamales and cooked chicken tamales, which did not contain State (NCDA) or Federal (USDA) marks of inspection or required labeling, to the general public. In a signed statement dated September 12, 2015, you stated that you processed, stored, transported, offered for sale and sold misbranded meat products and poultry products without the benefit of county, state or federal inspection for the past four (4) months.

Please be advised that the sale of misbranded and/or non-inspected meat products and the sale of misbranded/non-inspected poultry product is a violation of North Carolina General Statute (N.C.G.S.) §106-549.23, and in violation of North Carolina General Statute (N.C.G.S.) §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 products and/or 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,

W. Alan Wade
State Director

cc: Mr. Joe Reardon, Assistant Commissioner
Ms. Tina Hlabse, General Counsel
Ms. Janine Owens