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**CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Mrs. Maxi Patel  
The Country Store  
1561 Highway 58 South  
Kinston, North Carolina 28504

**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 April 26, 2019. Specifically, our investigation revealed that you had stored, offered for sale and sold misbranded/non-inspected packages of cooked pork skins to the general public, that were produced without the benefit of State (NCDA) or Federal (USDA) inspection. In a signed statement dated April 26, 2019, you stated that you stored, offered for sale and sold misbranded/non-inspected meat products to the general public for approximately three (3) years.

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