



Steve Troxler
Commissioner

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

W. Alan Wade
State Director

February 5, 2016

CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Lee Arana
4536 Statesville Road
North Wilkesboro, North Carolina 28659

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 reported violation was discussed with you on January 11, 2016. Specifically, our investigation revealed that you had processed, stored, transported, offered for sale and sold Pork and Chicken Tamales that did not contain State (NCDA) or Federal (USDA) marks of inspection or required labeling, for the sole purpose of resale to the general public. In a signed statement dated January 11, 2016 you stated you processed the misbranded pork and/or chicken tamales in your home, transported them to the Wilkes County Flea Market, North Wilkesboro, North Carolina and in-turn offered for sale and sold the misbranded meat products and poultry products without the benefit of state or federal inspection for one (1) day.

Please be advised that the sale of misbranded and/or non-inspected meat products and the sale of misbranded/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 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,

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