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Commissioner

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

Donald H. Delozier
State Director

December 28, 2011

CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. John Carpenter
Big John's Grocery
4210 Big John's Store Road
Pleasant Hill, NC 27866

NOTICE OF WARNING

We have an investigative case report showing that you violated the North Carolina Poultry Products Inspection Law and the North Carolina Compulsory Meat Inspection Law. These reported violations were discussed with you on December 1, 2011. Specifically, our investigation revealed that you had processed, stored, offered for sale and/or sold cooked ham, souse, bologna and cooked turkey breast, which did not contain State (NCDA) or Federal (USDA) marks of inspection or required labeling, to the general public. In a signed statement dated December 1, 2011 you admitted to processing and selling the above mentioned misbranded meat and/or poultry products to the general public for the past fifteen years.

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

Donald H. Delozier
State Director

cc: Mr. Barry Bloch, Assistant Attorney General
Mr. Ray Starling, General Counsel
Mr. Howard Isley, Assistant Commissioner