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Commissioner

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

W. Alan Wade
State Director

May 17, 2013

CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ms. Maria Olmos
Taqueria Maranatha
422 North Bridge Street
Washington, North Carolina 27889

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 18, 2013. Specifically, our investigation revealed that you had processed, stored, offered for sale and/or sold beef chuck steaks and boneless pork butt steaks, which did not contain State (N.C.D.A.) or Federal (U.S.D.A.) marks of inspection or required labeling, to the general public. In a signed statement dated April 18, 2013 you stated you purchased large boxes lined with black trash bags, that did not contain the N.C.D.A. or U.S.D.A. mark of inspection or required labeling, of beef chuck steaks and boneless pork butt steaks from El Mariachi Gordo in Warsaw, North Carolina and in turn cooked the misbranded beef chuck steaks and boneless pork butt steaks into meals/dinners inside Taqueria Maranatha restaurant.

Please be advised 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 this violation. If you should continue to sell misbranded and/or non-inspected 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,

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cc: Mr. Barry Bloch, Assistant Attorney General
Mr. Joe Reardon, Assistant Commissioner