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

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**CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Mrs. Sylvia Ward  
Dales Country Store  
2643 Livingston Chapel Road  
Delco, North Carolina 28436

**NOTICE OF WARNING**

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Meat and Poultry Inspection Division has an investigative case report showing that you violated the North Carolina Compulsory Meat Inspection Law (Chapter 106, Articles 49 B and C of the North Carolina General Statutes). This reported violation was discussed with you on January 14, 2022. Specifically, our investigation revealed that you processed, stored, offered for sale and sold misbranded meat products (frozen raw pork chops and smoked sausages) to the general public. In a signed statement dated January 14, 2022, you stated that you processed, stored, offered for sale and sold misbranded 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 Statutes §§ 106-549.23 and 106-549.56. Violation of the North Carolina Compulsory Meat Inspection Law and the North Carolina Poultry Products Inspection Law can result in the imposition of civil and/or criminal penalties pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes §§ 106-549.35 and 106-549.59. Please be advised that you will not receive any further warnings with regards to this violation. If you should continue to sell misbranded/non-inspected meat and/or poultry products, we will pursue legal action against you as authorized by law. I certainly hope this additional action will not be necessary. An officer from this department will visit you periodically to verify compliance. If you have any question regarding your compliance expectations, please call Daniel Moody, Compliance Supervisor, at 919-218-1915.

Sincerely,  
*Karen Beck*

Dr. Karen Beck  
State Director

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