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Meat and Poultry Inspection Division

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CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ms. Elsa Trochez
1606 Willard Road
Willard, North Carolina 28478

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 January 7, 2020. Specifically, our investigation revealed that you processed, stored, transported, offered for sale and sold/wholesaled misbranded/non-inspected meat products (cooked pork skins) to a retail store (La Chiquita Mini Market, 2390 Carolina Beach Road, Wilmington, NC 28401) for the sole purpose of resale to the general public. In a signed statement dated January 7, 2020, you stated that you processed, stored, transported, offered for sale and sold/wholesaled misbranded/non-inspected meat products to the general public for approximately two (2) months.

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,

Alan Wade
Interim State Director

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