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*Meat and Poultry Inspection Division*

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Dr. Karen Beck  
Director

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**CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Mr. James Bain  
Epic Food Co.  
1113 Military Cutoff Road  
Wilmington, North Carolina 28405

**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 and the North Carolina Poultry Products Inspection Law (Chapter 106, Articles 49 B, C and D of the North Carolina General Statutes). This reported violation was discussed with you on September 3, 2020. Specifically, our investigation revealed that you processed, stored, offered for sale and sold/wholesaled misbranded meat and poultry products (various ready to eat meals containing meat and poultry and chicken salad) to a retail store (Port City Produce) for the sole purpose of resale to the general public. In a signed statement dated September 3, 2020, you stated that you processed, stored, offered for sale and sold/wholesaled misbranded meat and poultry products to a retail store for the sole purpose of resale 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 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,

Dr. Karen Beck  
State Director

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cc: Mr. Joe Reardon, Assistant Commissioner  
Ms. Tina Hlabse, General Counsel  
Mr. Christopher McLennan, Assistant Attorney General  
Mr. Danny Moody, Compliance Supervisor