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CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT

REQUESTED

To whom it may concern:
GNC Holdings, Inc.
300 Sixth Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

NOTICE OF WARNING

We have an investigative Case Report showing that you violated the North Carolina Compulsory Meat Inspection Law and the North Carolina Poultry Products Inspection Law. This reported violation was discussed with the store managers of GNC Store # 386, 3320 Silas Creek Parkway, Winston Salem, NC 27103 and GNC Store # 6946, 17 Plaza Parkway, Lexington, NC 27292, on April 18, 2019 and April 22, 2019. Specifically, our investigation revealed that GNC Store # 386 and GNC Store # 6946 had stored, offered for sale and sold misbranded, fully cooked meat and poultry entrees (Sweet Heat Chicken, Steak Chimichurri, Sirloin Steak & Chicken Alfredo) to the general public, that were produced without the benefit of State (NCDA) or Federal (USDA) inspection. In a signed statement dated April 18, 2019 & April 22, 2019, the store managers of GNC Store # 386 and GNC Store # 6946 stated that they had stored, offered for sale and sold misbranded meat and poultry products to the general public for approximately two (2) weeks.

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 periodically visit North Carolina GNC stores to verify compliance.

Sincerely,



Dr. Beth Yongue
State Director

cc: Mr. Joe Reardon, Assistant Commissioner
Ms. Tina Hlabse, General Counsel
Mr. Chris McLennan, Assistant Attorney General
Store Manager of GNC Store # 386
Store Manager of GNC Store # 6946