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July 2, 2021

Mr. Afzal Sadeek, Plant Manager
Ali International Inc.
Est. M11113
1616 South Dean Rd.
Orlando, FL 32825

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

Dear Mr. Sadeek:

This serves as official notification by Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) to withhold the marks of inspection and suspend the assignment of slaughter inspection program personnel for your slaughter operations at Ali International Inc., Est. M11113, located at 1616 South Dean Rd. Orlando, FL 32825.

Background Authority

The Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) [21 U.S.C. 603] provides that it is essential that livestock be handled with minimum of excitement and discomfort during holding and slaughtering. Section 3 (b) of the Federal Meat Inspection Act states, *“For the purpose of preventing the inhumane slaughtering of livestock, the Secretary shall cause to be made, by inspectors appointed for the purpose, an examination and inspection of the method by which cattle, sheep, swine, goats, horses, mules, or other equines are slaughtered and handled in connection with slaughter in the slaughtering establishments inspected under this Act. The Secretary may refuse to provide inspection to a new slaughtering establishment or may cause inspection to be temporarily suspended at a slaughtering establishment if the Secretary finds that any cattle, sheep, swine, goats, horses, mules, or other equine have been slaughtered or handled in connection with slaughter at such establishment by any method not in accordance with sections 1901 to 1906 title 7 until the establishment furnishes assurances satisfactory to the Secretary that all slaughtering and handling in connection with slaughter of livestock shall be in accordance with such a method.*

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Furthermore, the FMIA provides FSIS the authority to appoint inspectors to examine and inspect the method by which livestock are slaughtered and handled at slaughtering establishments. It also gives FSIS program personnel the right to examine and inspect carcasses and parts of carcasses that are further treated and prepared and the right to access and examine establishment records. When conditions exist concerning the slaughtering and handling of livestock, not by a method in accordance to sections 1901 to 1906 of Title 7, FSIS can refuse to render inspection and indefinitely withdraw inspection from an establishment, provided the establishment is afforded the right to an administrative hearing.

Under the authority of the Act, FSIS has prescribed rules and regulations required for establishments slaughtering and handling livestock according to 9 CFR 313 et seq. FSIS has also developed the Rules of Practice regarding administrative enforcement, 9 CFR Part 500. The Rules of Practice describe the types of enforcement actions that FSIS may take and include procedures for taking a withholding action and/or suspension, with or without prior notification, and for filing a complaint to withdraw a grant of inspection.

Basis for Action

This Suspension is based upon your establishment being in violation of 9 CFR 313.2(a).

313.2 Handling of livestock.

9 CFR 313.2(a) states: *Driving of livestock from the unloading ramps to the holding pens and from the holding pens to the stunning area shall be done with a minimum of excitement and discomfort to the animals. Livestock shall not be forced to move faster than a normal walking speed.*

Specifically, on July 1, 2021, at approximately 1345 hours, while performing humane handling verification activities, Inspection Program Personnel (IPP) at Ali International Inc., Est. M11113, observed an employee pick up a conscious lamb and throw it with force against a metal fence inside the animal holding area. The lamb bounced off the fence and landed on its side on the concrete floor causing unnecessary pain and suffering to the animal. The same employee immediately picked the animal up and laid it on the blood pit area where its throat was cut under the Halal slaughter. IPP then tagged the gate to the holding pen leading to the blood pit with US Reject tag #B40476114 to prevent animals from entering this area for slaughter. The establishment does not have a robust systematic approach to the humane handling of livestock.

Mr. Nadeem Shakeel, Manager, was then verbally notified of the regulatory control action. After consultation with the Atlanta District Office, it was determined that a Notice of Suspension (NOS) would be issued by the Atlanta District Office. Mr. Afzal Sadeek, Plant Manager, was verbally notified that a NOS would be issued.

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In accordance with 9 CFR Part 500, the suspension of the assignment of inspectors from your establishment's slaughter operations shall remain in effect until such time you provide adequate written assurances of corrective and preventive measures sufficient to assure that livestock are handled and slaughtered with minimal discomfort. These corrective actions and preventive measures should include at a minimum:

- 1) Identify the assessment process used to determine the nature and cause of the incident.
- 2) Identify what the assessment revealed as the likely cause, i.e. the specific reason(s) why the event occurred.
- 3) Describe the specific actions that will be taken to eliminate the cause of the incident.
- 4) Describe the specific actions that will be taken to prevent future reoccurrences.
- 5) Describe the future monitoring activities that your establishment will use to ensure that the actions are effective.

As a federally inspected establishment, you are expected to comply with the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act and all applicable FSIS regulations. Establishment personnel should continue to monitor operations to prevent humane handling failures from occurring in the future and maintain process control.

You may appeal this determination to:

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service
Attention: Geraldine French, Executive Associate for Regulatory Operations
1400 Independence Avenue SW
Room 344-E, Whitten Building
Washington, DC 20250

In accordance with 9 CFR 500.5(d), you may request a hearing concerning this action by contacting:

Physical Address:	Scott C. Safian, Branch Chief
(For courier)	Enforcement Operations Branch
	Office of Investigation, Enforcement and Audit
	Food Safety and Inspection Service
	United States Department of Agriculture
	Patriots Plaza III, 9th Floor, Cubicle 9-235A
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If you have any questions, please contact the Atlanta District Office at (404) 562-5900.

Sincerely,

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