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Food Safety and Inspection Service

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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION HELD IN ABEYANCE (NOSHA)

On April 12, 2024, the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) issued your establishment, Hoagland Enterprises, LLC, M/V454 + P4988, a Notice of Suspension (NOS). The decision to issue the NOS was made in accordance with Title 21 United States Code Section 603 (21 U.S.C. 603) and Title 9 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 500.3(b), based on your establishment's failure to comply with 9 CFR 313.2 regulations. A Noncompliance Record (NR), written by the FSIS Consumer Safety Inspector (CSI), documented an egregious event whereby it took the establishment multiple applications of a handheld captive bolt device to render a beef cow unconscious.

On April 12, 2024, the Denver District Office (DDO) received your initial response to the NOS and corrective actions via electronic mail. The DDO requested clarification to your first response, via electronic mail, and received your additional replies the same day. Based upon your proposed corrective actions FSIS notified you via email on April 12, 2024, that the suspension of inspectors at your establishment was held in abeyance.

The suspension will remain in abeyance pending verification by FSIS inspection personnel. During this abeyance period, FSIS will continue to verify, assess, and evaluate the effectiveness of your proffered corrective actions to ensure that these are adequately implemented, and confirm that livestock are properly handled and slaughtered humanely.

FSIS will design a verification plan to confirm that your establishment is implementing the corrective actions you provided in your response to the NOS. The verification plan identifies your corrective action plan, the relevant regulations and the frequency FSIS inspection personnel will verify the implementation and effectiveness of your proffered actions.

FSIS will provide you a copy of the verification plan at a later time. Please be advised that only FSIS can amend the verification plan. If your establishment wishes

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to modify your proposed corrective actions during the abeyance period, please submit these changes, in writing, to FSIS for approval prior to making any changes in your actions.

FSIS reminds you that as an operator of a federally inspected facility, you are expected to comply with the *Federal Meat Inspection Act* (FMIA), the *Humane Methods of Slaughter Act* (HMSA) and the regulations in 9 CFR 313 to ensure livestock at your establishment are handled and slaughtered humanely. The regulations require establishments to take appropriate action(s) when either the establishment or FSIS determines that the establishment's system controls for humane handling requirements are ineffective. FSIS has the responsibility to initiate action if your establishment fails to operate in accordance with FSIS regulations.

Please be aware that your failure to comply with the regulatory requirements or effectively implement the commitments you proffered in your responses may lead to further administrative enforcement actions.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may contact the Denver District Office at (303) 236-9800.

Sincerely,

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