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Attention: Lino Teran, Plant Manager/Owner

## NOTICE OF SUSPENSION HELD IN ABEYANCE

This letter serves as official notification by the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) of its decision to place the February 7, 2025, suspension action in abeyance at Sinton and Sons Local Meats and Provisions (Sinton and Sons), Est. M40268A, located at 9050 Gravel Rd., Paso Robles, California 93446. Dr. Nerisa Riedl, Acting Deputy District Manager, notified you, Mr. Lino Teran, Plant Manager/Owner verbally of this decision on February 12, 2025.

Previously, on February 7, 2025, FSIS issued Sinton and Sons a Notice of Suspension (NOS), which informed you that FSIS was taking action to withhold the marks of inspection and suspend inspection services, in accordance with Title 9 Code of the Federal Regulations (CFR) Rules of Practice 500.3(b), because the establishment was handling or slaughtering animals inhumanely. This action also includes all swine Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) processes at Sinton and Sons.

Between February 9, 2025, and February 11, 2025, FSIS received your responses to the NOS, which identified corrective and preventive actions Sinton and Sons has taken or will take to ensure compliance with applicable statutory and regulatory requirements. After careful review of this matter, FSIS is placing the suspension action in abeyance.

During this abeyance period, FSIS will conduct inspection and verification activities, as described in the enclosed Verification Plan (VP). The VP is designed to assist FSIS inspection program personnel in verifying that Sinton and Sons has fully implemented the proposed corrective actions and demonstrated their effectiveness in ensuring continued statutory and regulatory compliance. FSIS will verify each corrective and preventive action, including whether Sinton and Sons meets any deadlines associated with its proposed actions.

## Note: Any changes to your proposed and accepted corrective actions dated February 9, 2025, to February 11, 2025, must be submitted in writing to the District Manager for prior approval.

Please be advised that failure to effectively execute the conditions of this abeyance action or additional noncompliance with the requirements of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) and the regulations promulgated thereunder may result in further enforcement

action by FSIS, including withholding the marks of inspection or suspending inspection services at Sinton and Sons, or other appropriate action.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Dr. Gregory Abreu, Deputy District Manager, by telephone at (b) (6) or by electronic mail at <u>Gregory.abreu@usda.gov</u>. Additionally, you can contact the Alameda District Office at (510) 769-5712 or by fax at (844) 622-0081, or via electronic mail at AlamedaDistrictOffice@usda.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gregory M. Abreu, DVM Deputy District Manager (for)

Gabrial Eddings, DVM DACVPM District Manager

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