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Attention: Remington Hoke, 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 March 4, 2025, suspension action in abeyance at Greenbrier Meat Company, Inc., (Greenbrier Meats), M4593, located at 508 Feamster Road, Lewisburg, WV 24901. Greenbrier Meats was notified electronically of this decision on March 10, 2025.

Previously, on March 4, 2025, FSIS issued Greenbrier Meats 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), for Greenbrier Meats's Slaughter Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) processes.

Between 03/05/2025 and 03/07/2025, FSIS received your responses to the NOS, which identified corrective and preventative actions Greenbrier Meats 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 personnel in verifying that Greenbrier Meats 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 Greenbrier Meats meets any deadlines associated with its proposed actions.

# Note: Any changes to your proposed and accepted corrective actions dated 03/05/2025 to 03/07/2025 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 Greenbrier Meats, or other appropriate action.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Arial Gupton, Deputy District Manager (DDM) via telephone at (b) (6) or via electronic mail at <u>Arial.Gupton@usda.gov</u>. Additionally, you can contact the Raleigh District Office at 919-214-1984.

Sincerely,

ARIAL GUPTON Date: 2025.03.10 13:37:53 -0400

Todd Furey District Manager

cc: K. Hunter, EARO/FO J. Priore, RD/CID/OIEA T. Furey, DM/RDO/FO H. Havens, DDM/RDO/FO A. Gupton, DDM/RDO/FO D. Lilly, DCS/RDO/FO (b) (6) , DVMS/RDO/FO (b) (6) , SEIAO/RDO/FO (b) (6) , FLS/RDO/FO (b) (6) SPHV/RDO/FO (b) (6) , CSI/RDO/FO FO/Quarterly Reports

### Establishment Name: Greenbrier Meat Company, Inc. Establishment Number: M4593 Two-Week Period Ending:

<u>Reason for Verification</u>: On 03/04/2025, Establishment M4593 was issued an NOS for failure to meet 9 CFR 313 of the regulations. On 03/10/2025, the establishment was issued a NOSHIA after submitting acceptable corrective actions and preventive measures.

<u>Information for Establishment Management</u>: This verification plan was created from the corrective actions and preventive measures which were submitted to, and which were accepted by, the Raleigh District Office. As such, any changes to these corrective actions and preventive measures needs to be approved by the Raleigh District Office prior to implementation.

## Instructions for completion of Humane Handling and Slaughter Verification form:

1. "Results of Verification" column should be recorded as "Acceptable", "Unacceptable", or "N/A"

2. "Inspection Actions" column should be used to document unacceptable findings or any additional corrective actions taken in compliance with 9 CFR 313.

3. The implementation and effectiveness of the establishment's corrective actions should be verified at the frequencies stated below. The in-plant inspection team (IPP) can request, through supervisory channels, a change in the frequencies when the determination is made that the establishment has effectively implemented the corrective actions.
 4. Each day

verification activities are performed, IPP should add a Directed Livestock Humane Handling Verification task in PHIS and use the justification "Verification Plan for Enforcement Actions" to justify the scheduling of the Directed task.

5. IPP will provide bi-weekly verification updates detailing the results of verification activities and submit to the SPHV/FLS for review.

6. The completed bi-weekly report will be submitted via email to (b) (6) , District Veterinary Medical Specialist, and to Mr. David Lilly, District Case Specialist.

Items to Verify	Results of Verification	Inspection Actions
<ol> <li>Verify that no bulls 3 years of age or older are slaughtered under inspection by the establishment. (Daily, for each slaughter day, as applicable)</li> </ol>		

2. Verify that establishment management utilizes provided records or FSIS Guidelines for determining age of cattle to estimate the age of bulls. (Daily, for each slaughter day, as applicable)	
3. Verify that the establishment uses a .410 shotgun with slug ammunition to stun all intact bulls. (Daily, for each slaughter day, as applicable)	
<ul> <li>4. Verify that the establishment documents the effective stunning of livestock on the following frequency: <ul> <li>100% of bulls for duration of verification</li> <li>50% of all animals for first 30 days, then</li> <li>25% of all animals for the 2nd 30-day period, then</li> <li>10% of all animals for the 3<sup>rd</sup> 30-day period (with a minimum of 1 animal)</li> <li>(Daily, for each slaughter day, as applicable)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

## Comments and Recommendations Two-Week Period Ending:

IIC Comments/Recommendation:

SPHV Comments/Recommendation (if not the IIC):

FLS Comments/Recommendation: