



Food Safety and Inspection
Service

June 14, 2024

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ELECTRONIC MAIL on June 14, 2024
FEDEX TRACKING #776867882545

Attention: Mr. Marshall Bartlett, Owner

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION HELD IN ABEYANCE

On June 12, 2024, the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) issued a Notice of Suspension to your establishment to withhold the federal marks of inspection and suspend the assignment of Inspection Program Personnel (IPP) at Home Place Pastures, Est. M45945, located at 1789 Home Place Road, Como, MS. This action included your Slaughter Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) processes employed at your establishment. The decision to institute this enforcement action was in accordance with Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Rules of Practice 500.3(b), based on the determination that your establishment did not handle or slaughter animals humanely. The evidence demonstrated failure to comply with the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 603), the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act (HMSA) (7 U.S.C. 1901 et seq.), and the regulatory requirements (9 CFR Part 313).

On June 12, 2024, while performing the Livestock Humane Handling Verification task at approximately 11:00 a.m., the Consumer Safety Inspector (CSI) observed a stunning failure on a bovine. Your establishment personnel moved a heifer into the knock box and restrained with the head gate. It was noted that your establishment stun operator is new to the position and has been performing stun duties for approximately one month. The initial stun attempt with a handheld captive bolt device (HHCB) was observed to contact the animal, but was ineffective, as the animal remained standing and vocalizing. Your establishment stun operator retrieved the backup HHCB device and delivered a second stun attempt, which was observed to be ineffective, as the animal remained standing and vocalized. Your stun operator reloaded the HHCB, and two additional successive stuns were observed to be ineffective, as the animal vocalized and remained standing. Subsequently, a fifth stun attempt with a HHCB device was delivered, rendering the animal insensible, and it remained so thereafter. Establishment Owner Mr. Marshall Bartlett was notified of the observed non-compliance and U.S. Rejected Tag No. B-45402445 was applied to the knock box.

On June 13, 2024, you submitted your first written response with corrective actions and preventive measures to meet regulatory requirements. The Jackson District Office (JDO) analyzed your responses and advised you that the proffered corrective actions and preventive measures were not adequate. A request for clarification and additional information was sent via electronic mail from the JDO to your establishment on June 13, 2024.

Marshall Bartlett, Owner
Home Place Pastures, Est. M45945

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On June 14, 2024, you submitted all clarification and additional information with written corrective actions and preventive measures to meet regulatory requirements. The Jackson District Office analyzed your proffered corrective actions and preventive measures and determined that the response adequately addressed the identified issues. On June 14, 2024, at approximately 11:30 AM, the FSIS Jackson District Office verbally informed you of FSIS's decision to hold the suspension in abeyance. This letter is to formally inform you of this action.

A copy of the FSIS Verification Plan (VP) will be provided to assist you in understanding the nature and importance of the Agency's verification activities. The FSIS Verification Plan is designed to verify that your establishment properly implements the revisions to its humane handling of animals and other corrective actions and preventive measures stated in your June 13 and June 14, 2024, responses and that these revisions and corrective actions and preventive measures are effective in ensuring future regulatory compliance. The FSIS Verification Plan identifies your corrective actions, the regulatory requirement(s), and the PHIS Task under which FSIS officials will verify the implementation and effectiveness of your proffered action plan. Only FSIS can amend the verification plan and any modifications to your submitted acceptable corrective actions made during the abeyance period will need to be submitted in writing to FSIS for verification of compliance prior to implementation by your establishment.

Please be advised that this suspension of inspection at your establishment will remain in Abeyance pending verification by FSIS that your proposed corrective actions and preventive measures have been implemented and are effective in ensuring future regulatory compliance. Agency personnel will begin immediate verification of your corrective actions and preventive measures.

It is important for you to understand that FSIS has the responsibility to initiate action if your establishment fails to operate in accordance with the regulations, or conditions occur that do not comply with the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act. In these situations, FSIS personnel will take regulatory control of product or other appropriate action.

Please be further advised that as a federally inspected establishment, you are expected to comply with the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act, and all applicable regulations and other requirements concerning the preparation, sale, and transportation of meat products. Failure to comply with these requirements or to effectively implement the measures addressed in your responses, dated June 13 and June 14, 2024, could result in the immediate suspension of inspection at your establishment or other appropriate action(s).

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Larry Davis via telephone at (601) 863-4206 or via electronic mail at larry.davis4@usda.gov. Additionally, you can contact the Jackson District Office at (601) 965-4312 or by fax at (601) 965-5901.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Larry Davis
District Manager
Jackson District Office

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Cc: Ms. Melissa Moore, EARO
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