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January 30, 2025

Mr. Jarrod Creasy, Owner
Ms. Rebecca Creasy, Owner
Fries Frozen Foods, LLC, Est. M46622
846 S. Gray Street
Millen, GA 30442

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION HELD IN ABEYANCE

Dear Mr. Creasy and Ms. Creasy:

On January 27, 2025, the Food Safety, and Inspection Service (FSIS) issued a Notice of Suspension (NOS) withholding the marks of inspection and suspending the assignment of slaughter inspection program personnel for livestock slaughter at Fries Frozen Foods, LLC, Est, M46622, located at 846 S. Grey Street, Millen, GA 30442. This action was based on your establishment's failure to handle livestock humanely according to 9 CFR Part 313.

On January 27, 2025, you submitted written corrective actions and preventive measures to meet the requirements of the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act. In your response you stated: the cause of the event was due to smaller animals (small ruminants) having too much room in the stun chute and not enough restraint to allow for clear shot placement. Your corrective actions and preventive measures included: small ruminants will be brought in one at a time and haltered to eliminate excessive movement; stunning employees will be retrained on proper shot placement; retraining of these employees will be recorded on the training log; and that stunning effectiveness and halter use will be monitored weekly on a stunning effectiveness log.

On January 28, 2025, FSIS determined that your proffered corrective actions and preventive measures submitted were not adequate to address the inhumane handling incident and clarification was requested. Specifically, FSIS requested you to: provide a copy of the material used to retrain your employees in proper shot placement; provide a copy of the record used to document that your employees were retrained; clarify the frequency for monitoring stunning

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effectiveness of small ruminants because weekly monitoring is not adequate to ensure that the retraining of your employees was effective; provide a copy of the record that would be used to document monitoring of stunning effectiveness of small ruminants; clarify the frequency for monitoring halter use on small ruminants because weekly monitoring is not adequate to ensure that the restraint is adequate; and provide a copy of the record that would be used to document monitoring of the restraint of small ruminants.

On January 28, 2025, you submitted your second response to provide clarification to your proffered corrective actions and preventive measures. Your response included: a link to a document and a link to a video that were used to retrain your employees in proper shot placement; a record documenting that your employees were retrained in proper shot placement; you clarified that monitoring of stunning effectiveness, and the restraint of small ruminants would be conducted each day of small ruminant slaughter at a frequency of 100% for (b) (4) animals and 60% for (b) (4) animals; and you provided a copy of the record that would be used to document monitoring of stunning effectiveness and restraint of small ruminants.

On January 29, 2025, you were verbally notified by (b) (6), District Veterinary Medical Specialist (DVMS), that the corrective actions and preventive measures met the requirements to place Fries Frozen Foods, LLC, Est. M46622 in Abeyance and that a Notice of Suspension Held in Abeyance (NOSHA) and a Verification Plan (VP) would be issued. You are hereby being provided written notification of the Notice of Suspension Held in Abeyance.

Please be further advised that the 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 and preventing the inhumane treatment of animals. Agency personnel will begin immediate verification of your corrective actions and preventive measures.

A copy of the FSIS Verification Plan is attached 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 fully implements the revisions to its humane handling of animals and other corrective actions stated in your responses, and that these revisions and corrective actions are effective in ensuring future regulatory compliance. The FSIS Verification Plan identifies your proposed corrective actions, the regulatory requirement(s), and the PHIS Task under which FSIS officials will verify the implementation and effectiveness of your proposed action plan.

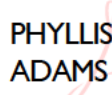
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Please be reminded that as a federally inspected establishment, you are expected to comply with FSIS regulations and to take appropriate actions to prevent the inhumane handling of animals. It is important for you to understand that FSIS has the responsibility 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. Please be advised that failure to comply with these regulatory requirements or failure to effectively implement your proposed corrective actions and preventive measures could result in the immediate suspension of inspection at your establishment or other appropriate action.

If you have any questions, please contact the Atlanta District Office at 404-562-5900.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Phyllis Adams
District Manager

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