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LETTER OF DEFERRAL

Attention: Brandi Krause

This letter confirms verbal notification by (b) (6), FLS at approximately 1345 on June 7, 2023 of the Des Moines District Office, Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) decision to defer further action at this time, regarding the Notice of Intended Enforcement (NOIE).

The NOIE was initiated on May 30, 2023, due to the observation of an egregious humane handling incident at Est. M45392, TTJ Packing Inc., located at 2532 Peiper Rd., Cottage Grove, WI. On June 2, 6 and 7, 2023 you provided this office, via multiple emails, written corrective actions and preventative measures, in response to the regulatory noncompliance detailed in the NOIE. The response outlined actions adequate to address the noncompliance regarding humane handling of livestock requirements, including a plan to maintain compliance with the *Federal Meat Inspection Act* (FMIA) Title 21 of the United States Code (21 U.S.C. 603), the *Humane Methods of Slaughter Act* of 1978 (HMSA) (7 U.S.C. 1901 et seq), and federal regulations {Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations (9 CFR) Part 313.16(a)(1)}.

Based on your written response, you were informed via telephone, that the suspension of the assignment of IPP, for slaughter operations, at your establishment is placed in deferral effective June 7, 2023.

The deferral period will remain pending verification by FSIS personnel that your proposed corrective actions and preventive measures have been effectively implemented and are adequate to maintain compliance. Establishment personnel should monitor operations to prevent violations of humane handling and slaughter from occurring in the future. It is also important for you to understand the responsibility of FSIS to initiate action when there is a failure to operate in accordance with 9 CFR Part 313 of the regulations.

During the deferral period verification activities will be conducted by IPP and results will be reported to the Des Moines District Office on a weekly basis. The decision to place the NOIE in

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deferral is based on the proffered actions. Any modifications to your submitted corrective actions and preventive measures made during the deferral period need to be submitted, in writing, to the Des Moines District Office for review prior to implementation by your establishment.

Please be advised that, as a federally inspected establishment, you are expected to comply with FSIS regulations and to take appropriate corrective action to prevent inhumane handling of livestock at your establishment. Your failure to comply with these requirements or to implement the measures in your action plan could result in reinstatement of the suspension of inspection at your establishment or other appropriate administrative or legal action.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact the Des Moines District Office, at 515-727-8960 or (b) (6), District Veterinary Medical Specialist (DVMS), at (b) (6) or (b) (6), DVMS, at (b) (6)

Sincerely,

**JEFFERY
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