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Attention: Mr. Norman Gilroy, President

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 April 22, 2025 suspension action in abeyance at HK Cooperative, Inc. (HK Cooperative), Est. M818, located at 4413 W. Bogart Road, Sandusky, OH 44870. Dr. Kelsey Travis, Deputy District Manager (DDM) notified you, Mr. Norman Gilroy, President, verbally of this decision on April 23, 2025.

Previously, on April 22, 2025, FSIS issued HK Cooperative 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 HK Cooperative's Slaughter Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) processes.

On April 23, 2025, FSIS received your responses to the NOS, which identified corrective and preventative actions HK Cooperative 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 HK Cooperative 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 HK Cooperative meets any deadlines associated with its proposed actions.

Note: Any changes to your proposed and accepted corrective actions dated April 23, 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

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action by FSIS, including withholding the marks of inspection or suspending inspection services at HK Cooperative, or other appropriate action.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Dr. Kelsey Travis, Deputy District Manager, by telephone at (630) 317-1102 or by electronic mail at kelsey.travis@usda.gov. Additionally, you can contact the Chicago District Office at (630) 317-1293 or by fax at SM.FSIS.OFO.CHIL.EFAX7599@USDA.GOV.

Sincerely,

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