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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION Held in Abeyance

Attention: Mr. Ephraim Stoltzfus, Owner

This letter serves as official notification by the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) of our decision to place the suspension action at Kingdom Provisions, Establishment M53882, located at 5960 Durham Road, Pipersville, Pennsylvania 18947 in abeyance.

This letter follows verbal notification of the abeyance action, provided by Mr. Joseph Schein, Deputy District Manager (DDM) to Ms. Amber Pressley, at approximately 1300 hours on Tuesday, January 23, 2024.

The decision to institute the abeyance was made in accordance with the Rules of Practice, Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations (9 CFR) Part 500.5 part (e).

In response to the Notice of Suspension (NOS), you submitted proposed corrective actions and preventative measures on January 19, 2024. On January 22, and 23, 2024 FSIS requested clarification on the responses. On January 22, and 23, 2024, you submitted responses to the clarification requests which included corrective actions and program updates. FSIS personnel held a Teams meeting with Ms. Amber Pressley, Plant Manager, on January 23, 2024, to discuss remaining items that need clarification.

Your corrective and preventative measures include but are not limited to:

1. Establishment employees handling animals at Kingdom Provisions will be trained in appropriate methods of unloading and moving cattle, sheep, goats, and hogs. Training will consist of Temple Grandin documents and will address handling both healthy and disabled livestock.
*Training log will be signed and available for FSIS IPP review, and kept up to date in case of staffing changes

2. Establishment management will send a letter to the livestock delivery company/companies to notify them that a member of establishment management must be contacted by phone or text in order to schedule delivery of animals.
3. A trained member of Senior establishment management must be present for unloading of all livestock deliveries for a minimum of the next 90 days. Senior management will monitor and record findings of Humane Handling Procedures at a frequency of every livestock delivery for the next 90 days.

-Currently senior management consists of Ms. Amber Pressley and Mr. Brent Pressley

- 3A. Kingdom Provisions as a facility will be focusing on the use of proper ramps/footing to be used in the trailers as well as making sure that if any animal that is on the truck who has some sort of injury is receiving the proper assistance needed during unloading to keep the animal from harm.
4. Establishment management will place a sign in the livestock unloading area stating that Senior establishment management needs to be contacted to schedule delivery of animals, and one of them must be present to unload the livestock. Phone numbers will be listed on the sign.
(This sign may not be in place at the time of resuming operations)
-Currently this is Ms. Amber Pressley or Mr. Brent Pressley
5. Senior establishment management will also be monitoring for proper ramps in the trailer that are built in or provided specifically for that trailer and are used for access to safely unload animals. If they are not present they as a facility will refuse to unload the livestock on that trailer until they return or provide the proper ramps needed to ensure the animals safety during the unloading process.
6. The livestock delivery driver (b) (6) involved in the incident with the sheep will not be the driver for any livestock delivered to Kingdom Provisions.

FSIS has carefully reviewed your responses and made the decision to place the NOS in abeyance. FSIS has designed a Verification Plan (VP), and Inspection Program Personnel (IPP) will use it to monitor and verify that you have effectively implemented your proposed actions. The VP identifies your corrective actions based on your responses, the relevant regulatory requirements, the tasks IPP will use to conduct verification activities, and the time frames that you identified. IPP will continue to ensure all humane handling/stunning regulatory requirements of 9 CFR Part 313 are in regulatory compliance. We have attached a copy of the VP to assist you as a reference during the Agency's verification activities.

A final decision relative to this enforcement action will be determined based on your establishment's ability to execute and comply with your proffered corrective actions and all applicable regulatory requirements. Your establishment's failure to meet the conditions of this abeyance may result in additional regulatory and/or administrative actions in accordance with the Rules of Practice 9 CFR Part 500

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact Mr. Joseph Schein, DDM, via electronic mail at joseph.schein@usda.gov or by telephone at (267) 355-9761. Additionally, you can contact the Philadelphia District Office at (800) 637-6681.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Jason Orlando
District Manager

Enclosure: FSIS Verification Plan for Kingdom Provisions (Est. M53882)