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NOTICE OF REINSTATEMENT OF SUSPENSION HELD IN ABEYANCE

Dear Mr. Klarenbeek:

On April 23, 2020 your establishment received verbal notification, followed by official written notification, from the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) of the reinstatement of the suspension of the assignment of FSIS inspection program personnel, for slaughter operations at, Est. M18632, Hudson Meats and Sausage, Inc., herein referred to as the/your establishment. This action was taken in accordance with the Rules of Practice, 9 CFR 500.3(b), which indicates that FSIS may take a withholding action or impose a suspension without providing an establishment prior notification if it is handling or slaughtering animals inhumanely such as occurred at your establishment on April 23, 2020.

On April 23, 2020 you provided FSIS, via email, final written corrective actions and preventative measures in response to the regulatory noncompliance detailed in the Notice of Reinstatement of Suspension (NROS). 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}.

The emails included the following documents, detailing actions immediately implemented and further proposed:

- Incident 4/23/20 (summary and corrective actions 2 pages)
- Management Meeting and Training Log (2 pages)
- Example Pen Card (1 page)

Based on your submitted written response, you were informed via telephone, that the suspension of the assignment of inspectors for slaughter operations at your establishment would be held in abeyance effective April 23, 2020, in accordance with 9 CFR Part 500.3(b).

The suspension will remain in abeyance pending verification by FSIS that your proposed corrective actions and preventive measures have been effectively implemented. Establishment personnel should monitor operations to prevent violations

of humane handling and slaughter from occurring in the future.

FSIS will design a verification plan that will follow this notification, to assist you in understanding the nature and importance of the Agency's verification activities. This FSIS verification plan is designed to verify that your establishment fully implements the corrective actions proffered in your proposed corrective actions, and that these revisions and corrective actions are effective in assuring ongoing regulatory compliance. It identifies your corrective actions elements, the relevant regulatory requirements, the PHIS task, and Humane Animal Tracking (HAT) Category under which corrective action elements will be verified, and the monitoring frequency. Only FSIS can amend the verification plan and any modifications to your submitted corrective actions and preventive measures made during the abeyance period will need to be submitted in writing to FSIS for verification of compliance prior to implementation by your establishment. FSIS will begin verification of your proposed actions before startup of your next scheduled slaughter.

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 (b) (6) (b) (6) or (b) (6) (b) (6) or the Des Moines District Office, at 515-727-8960.

Sincerely,



Dawn Sprouls, DVM
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