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Dear Dr. Bi,

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) conducted an on-site verification audit of China's poultry inspection system from November 26 through December 13, 2018. Enclosed is a copy of the final audit report. The comments received from the Government of China are included as an attachment to the report. FSIS has reviewed the submitted corrective actions and determined they are acceptable.

As you are aware, on November 8, 2019, FSIS published a final rule (84 FR 60318) that listed The People's Republic of China (PRC) as eligible to export cooked poultry products from birds slaughtered in the PRC to the United States. The rule became effective on December 8, 2019. As mentioned in a letter dated November 18, 2019, within one year of the effective date of the final rule, FSIS will verify through an on-site audit whether your poultry inspection system continues to maintain equivalence.

For any questions regarding the FSIS audit report, please contact the Office of International Coordination, by electronic mail at InternationalCoordination@usda.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure